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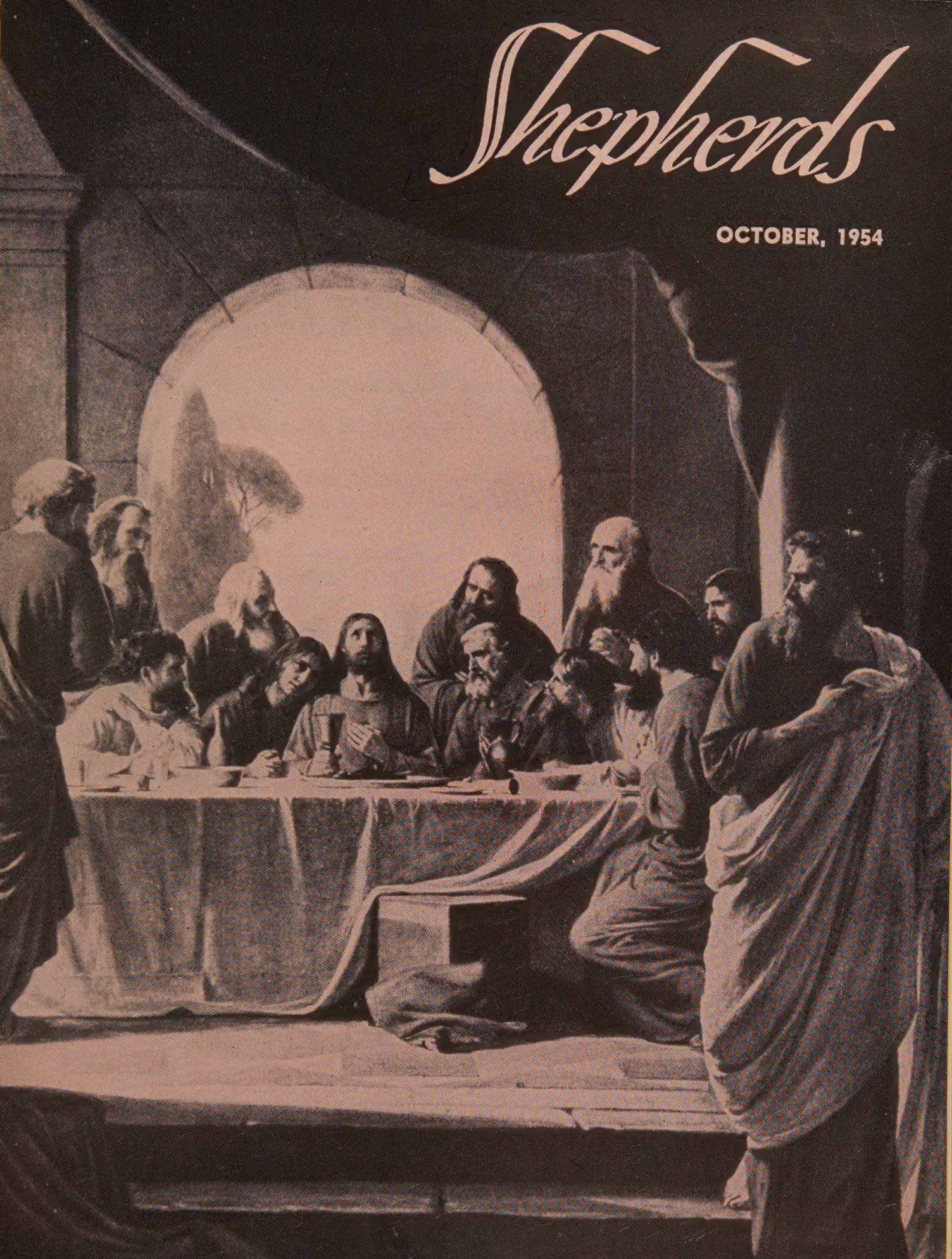

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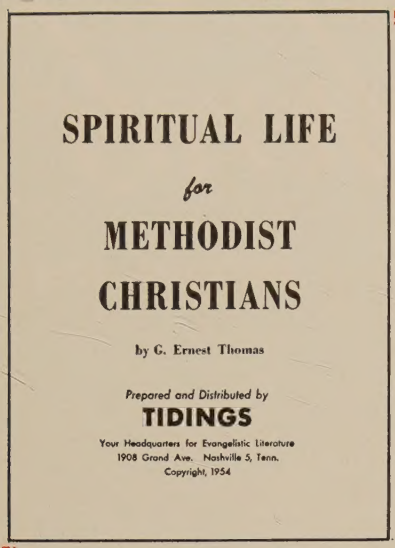

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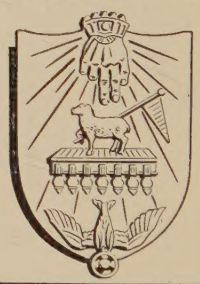

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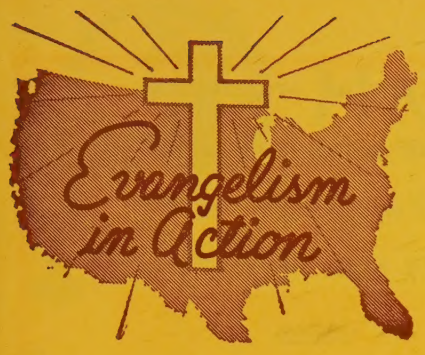

GOOD NEWS FLASHES ...FROM THE FIELD

At Park College, Parkville, Missouri, from June 21 to July 2, 70 seminary students were given intensive training in evangelism under the 70-E program of the General Board of Evangelism. . . . From Parkville, these men went out to do evangelistic work in various parts of the country.

Wonderful reports of how God is blessing the work of the 70-E continue to pour in . . .

—Field supervisor, Leroy H. Walker, started Friday, August 6, to visit 70-E's in the field. The tour is to take him to Seattle, Washington.

70-E Distribute Literature

Bill Dupree, Okolona, Mississippi, . . . distributed 95 copies "God's Ten Most Wanted Persons". . . 50 copies "The Upper Room . . ."

70-E Work with the People

B. F. Lee, Nolensville, Tennessee. By the second week, "I knew most of the people in their homes . . . worked with some of them in fields. . . ." Russell Jones, Ft. Worth, Texas. . . worked with youth caravan. . . . Dale Morgan, Hopland, California. . . found parsonage in impossible shape. . . 6 ft. 8 in. hole cut for window. . . fixtures disconnected. . . Dale has led men of church in bringing order out of chaos. . . held finest vacation school community has known. . . much visitation. . . several commitments. . . ."

70-E on TV

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70-E's and New Churches

Doug Crowder, Lyle, Minnesota, surveying community for possibility of organizing Methodist Church. If possibilities are promising, Conference may purchase abandoned Congregational Church. . . . Merris Brady held first service in new church with 41 present at worship service, 24 present in Sunday school. Held both services at same time so families could go and return home at same time. . . . James Peters conducted four-night class for new members. . . 51 in attendance each night.

Five new churches started by 70-E so far

70-E's Help in Revivals—Vacation Bible Schools

Bob Samuelson reports total attendance of Bible School, 200; closing day, 60. One little boy, age 8, said, "I'm going to join my grandma's church and be a preacher when I grow up." Another boy wants to be a preacher and several of the young people are interested in a Christian college. Bob also had complete charge of revival. Had been no church service there for a year, but now will have services every Sunday. . . Sunday school classes organized with teachers for all age groups. Final revival service. . . 12 young people around the altar dedicated their lives to Christ. . . . Tom Murphy, Tulsa, Oklahoma, holding series of youth revivals . . . three prayers every service. . . "Lord, open my heart; Lord, speak to the one beside me; Lord, help the speaker of the hour." Tom says. . . "It's dynamite!" Tom tell them it's tough. . . but on they come. . . He says, "I'll have to quit before my heart breaks with joy. . . wonderful". . . 61 conversions and rededications. . . 18 commitments to life service.

70-E's Survey

Israel Rucker and James Peters, Winston Salem, North Carolina, gave visitation instruction to 30 persons using turn-over chart. Survey in new project area of 900--1,000 units. . . . Bill Richardson, Albuquerque, New Mexico, surveyed approximately 10 miles. . . found 110 prospective families. . . over 220 persons. . . . Bob Wood, Kirkville, Missouri. . . service first Sunday night. . . 89 in attendance. . ."generally don't have Sunday p.m. services; 'no one comes,' they say.". . . Bill Stegner, Cincinnati, Ohio. . . 154 calls and visits in homes during July. . . "prayed in most cases. . . every week gets better. Thank God for prayer and victory."

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"In Remembrance of Me"

by
Doris Darnell
Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief
New York, New York

There is no welding force in the memory of man as strong as a common faith in Jesus Christ. At the point where men touch God, there is a unity of spirit which defies breaking. Political thought may divide nations. Economies may separate societies. But, so long as men meet at the communion rail, there is hope for agreement. In a year when world peace has been so frequently challenged, such hope takes on added significance.

This year, as never before in its history, the observance of World Wide Communion Sunday is filled with meaning. On October 3, when we kneel in remembrance of Christ, we will be joined by men and women and children in almost every country in the world. Some of them will be kneeling before crudely constructed altars in bombed-out buildings. Some of them will be kneeling behind closed doors and curtained windows. But no matter what the circumstance, each will be praying for the other.

Kinship Brings Responsibility

Where there is such close kinship, there is great responsibility. No man who so identifies himself with other men can free himself of their distresses. Where one of the communion is hungry, the other must feed; where one is sick, the other must heal; where one is lonely and afraid, the other must befriend and reassure.

Methodists have a unique opportunity to express Christian concern over human suffering through gifts made on World Wide Communion Sunday. The General Conference has ordained that all offerings made on that day shall go to the support of the Fellowship of Suffering and Service, a three-organization unit composed of The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, and the Methodist Commission on Camp Activities.

MCOR is the 14-year-old disaster relief organization of The Methodist Church. Through its treasury we send aid to suffering people all over the world. In India, where one person dies from tuberculosis every minute, MCOR funds support a rehabilitation center at Madar sanatorium. In Pakistan, where 500,000 Christians have been left homeless and without jobs in the chaos following the establishment of an independent political state, MCOR funds help resettle them and train them for useful trades. In Germany, where more than a million people—including underfed religious workers—depend on food and clothing sent from America, MCOR funds send health-giving milk and life-saving clothes. And in Korea, where The Methodist Church has been uprooted and dispersed—with many of its members living in tents, sheds, warehouses and camps—MCOR funds help fit its 20,000 civilian amputees (10,000 of whom are children), support its 17,000 war widows, house its 500,000 orphans, and feed its 1,000,000 refugees and war sufferers.

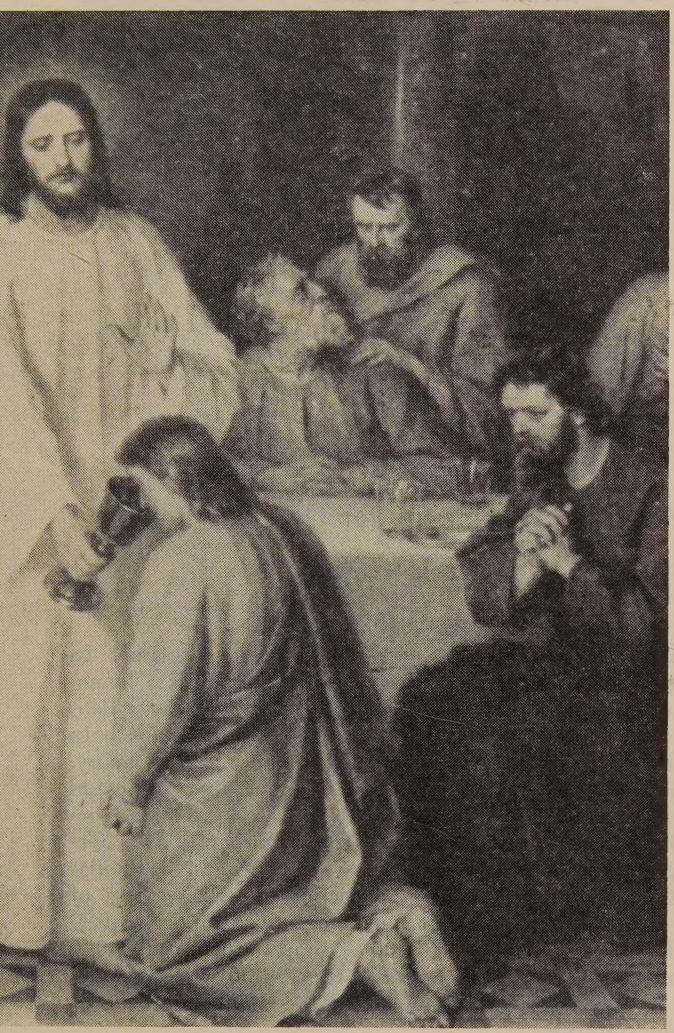
Wherever Disaster Strikes

And yet these staggering needs are only a part of the ministry of The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. Its full program takes your message of Christian love to people in 28 countries, wherever disaster strikes. To help MCOR do this, the General Conference has voted that 50 per cent of your World Wide Communion Day gifts go to that organization.

The other 50 per cent will be divided equally between the Chaplains' Commission and the Commission on Camp Activities. There it will be used to help churches in military-installation areas to minister effectively to the needs of our service men and women . . . your sons and friends who are in camp . . . and to aid the chaplains' ministry to them both in camps and overseas. When so many of our men and women are today needed to watch over the security of our country, it is essential that we give them the spiritual guidance which is the backbone of our nation. They, too, will be kneeling before the altar on October 3.

As you pray with them and for them . . . and your fellow Christians throughout the world . . . interpret your prayer through the worship of giving.

In All Parts



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COMMUNION . . .

We kneel at the chancel rail
  And eat bread,
  And drink of the cup—
The action is so simple!

And yet the meaning of the action is so great!
  For while we kneel, we meditate:

We think about Jesus, the Christ,
  Sent by God to tell us
  That God loves us and will forgive our sins.
We think of the sacrifice Jesus made
  That we might understand
  His message of love and forgiveness.
We think of his body
  Broken upon the cross,
  His blood shed for us.
And then the bread becomes, symbolically, his body,
  And the cup becomes his blood.

We partake of them
And find that we are strengthened:
  We find that, somehow,
    In ways we do not understand,
    We have become united with Christ.
  Christ lives in us!
Through Christ we are able to live stronger, better lives.

We rise and return refreshed,
  Comforted to know that God forgives our sins,
    Strengthened by the presence of Christ in us,
    Encouraged to know that there are millions of others like us
In all parts of the world.

—David A. Denslow
Wyanet, Illinois

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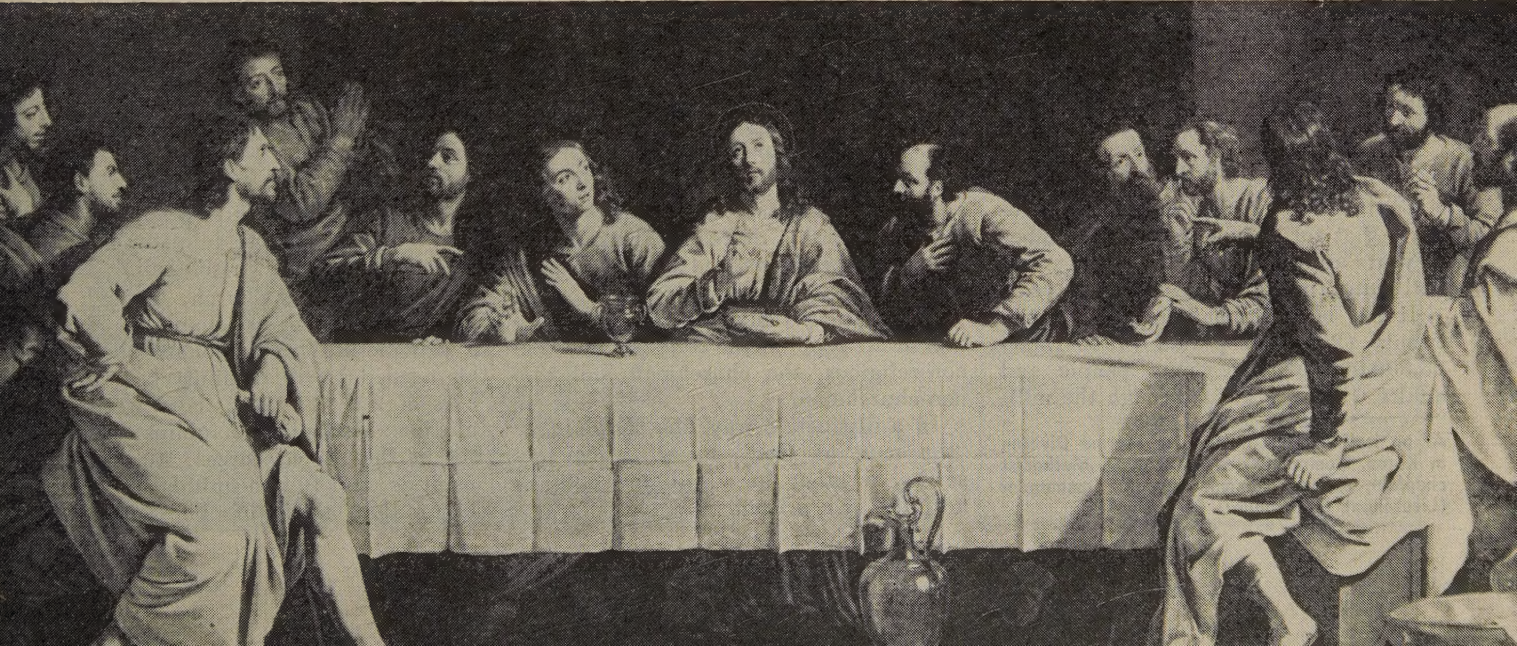

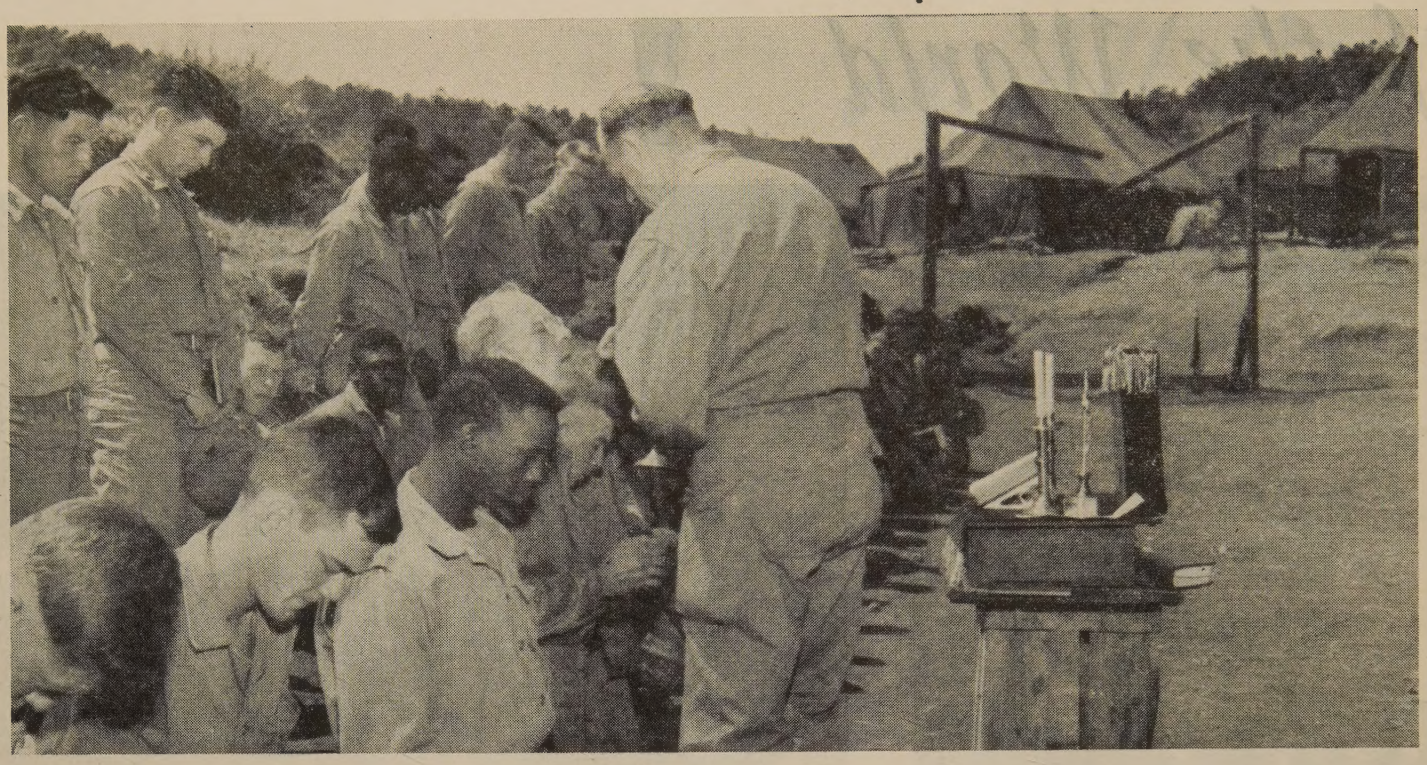

Whose People and Whose Responsibility?

by D. Stewart Patterson
Executive Secretary
Methodist Commission on Chaplains

THREE MILLION, three hundred thousand of them . . . these people in the armed forces of our country.

In addition . . . over 100,000 in Veterans Administration hospitals.

Keep adding . . . 491,243 (in 1951) in state hospitals because of mental illness.

More . . . 166,950 (in 1952) in state and federal prisons and reformatories.

And . . . a few thousand more for those who are in other institutions, sanatoria, children's homes (non-church related).

To Enter Military Service

Contemplate, for a moment, the reports that for an undetermined number of years approximately 1,000,000 youth will enter military service each year.

It has been estimated that within a twenty (20) year period (1940-1960) 26,300,000 of our young people and adults will have gone through the military pipe-line. What has happened, or will happen, to them can determine the future of the nation and the Church.

Whose people are these?

They are *ours* . . . from *our* homes, *our* churches, *our* communities. They represent all of us . . . you and me and our neighbors.

They are people who want and need and are entitled to a continuing spiritual ministry.

And this is a responsibility we cannot escape.

Wherever people are, and in whatever circumstances they find themselves, The Methodist Church seeks to provide an effective spiritual ministry. The significance of this outreach is well illustrated in the specialized and diversified ministry of the chaplaincy.

Our chaplains minister to a cross section of all people—the religious and the non-religious, the churchman and the non-churchman.

In a distinctive way, the chaplain is "the man of God" to all whom he serves, whether in a military unit, a hospital, or a prison.

All that some people will ever know of The Methodist Church is what they see in an individual Methodist chaplain.

He is a living symbol of The Methodist Church.

A Unique Ministry

The chaplain's ministry is unique in that his "congregation" may be made up of those on duty in the armed forces, those who are ill in hospitals or sanitoria, or those confined in penal institutions. Often his services will not be held in a church or chapel. His "church" may be a gun emplacement, the open deck of a ship, a spot on the line at an air base. His ministry may be at a bedside or in a prison cell.

The Methodist Church, through its ministers serving as chaplains, seeks to provide its proportionate share of this needed spiritual ministry.

As of July 1, 1954, there were 515 full-time Methodist chaplains serving: 435 in the armed forces; 40 in V.A. hospitals; and 40 in hospitals and homes (other than those of The Methodist

At an isolated unit of the 1st Marine Division in Korea, Commander S. B. Bennett, Methodist chaplain, receives communion from Commander (Lieutenant Commander) R. E. Jenkins.

Students and teachers of the Offutt Air Force Base Daily Vacation Bible School. The director of the school was Methodist Chaplain Roy M. Terry.

Church), correctional institutions, and industry.

The extent of their ministry is reflected in the following statistics, taken from the monthly reports filed with the Methodist Commission on Chaplains: During the calendar year 1953 Methodist chaplains preached to 3,818,124 persons, administered communion to 354,593, supervised in church school classes 724,419, baptized 4,353, and received into membership in the church 1,146.

Three Features

Three features are unique in this ministry—

Evangelism: 1,146 accessions to the church in 1953. These are people our churches at home missed, but whom our ministers (chaplains) claimed for Christ and the Church.

Ministerial Recruitment: While the military is recruiting manpower, our chaplains have been recruiting for the Church's manpower. During the past year, Methodist chaplains have reported the names of thirty-two (32) young men who, after military service, intend to prepare for the Christian ministry.

Christian Education: 724,419 in church schools around the world. Through the military, the work of Christian education is continued by our chaplains. During this summer thousands of children of military families are attending Vacation Church Schools.

So the story goes . . . one of reclamation . . . of revival . . . of redemption. . . .

The parish is no longer at home but truly world-wide.

These are *our* people . . . and to follow them is *our* responsibility.

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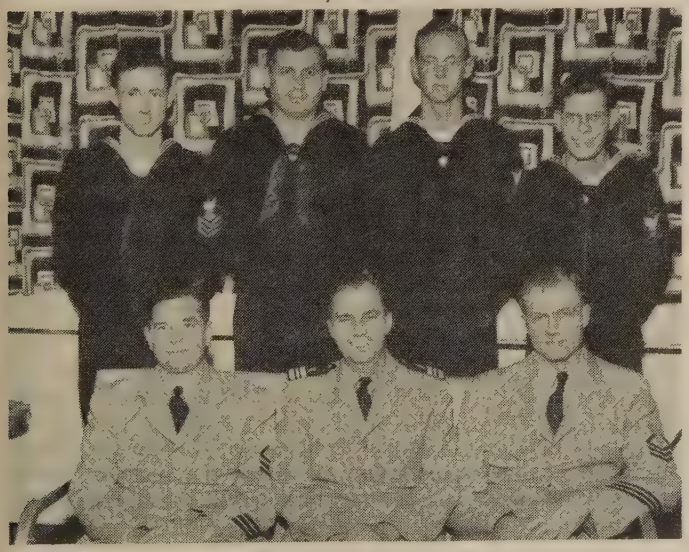
(The Methodist Commission on Chaplains, together with the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief and the Commission on Camp Activities, receives its support from the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. The offerings on World Wide Communion Sunday and other communion services go to the Fellowship.)



Chaplain Charles W. Ackley (Methodist) with a group of ministerial candidates.

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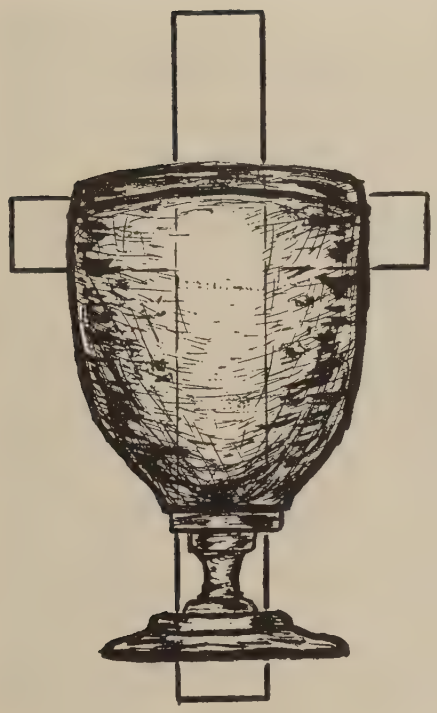


World Wide Communion and The Rural Church

By Earl E. Kerstetter
Hughesville, Pennsylvania

THE administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion can and should be as meaningful and helpful in the rural church as in any other church. Neither the location of the church building nor the size of the congregation determines whether the Lord is there to bless. The spiritual benefits received from participating in the entire service are determined largely by the attitudes of the people and the sincerity of the minister.

The spiritual worth of the Communion service is also governed in part by the physical environment, the methods used to convey the spiritual meaning, and the conduct of the minister. It is about these things we are concerned at the moment. One truth is outstanding: The way we as ministers lead our people in the Communion service determines in a large measure what the service will mean to these people.

First of all, the service should begin at the appointed hour and continue for one hour, if this be possible.

Arrange Details

However, there are certain details to be arranged before the service—preferably sometime during the preceding week. The minister and the communion steward should agree on the probable number of communicants. Then the steward should prepare the elements for that number.

The pianist or organist can help to make the Communion service effective. She should be informed previously if she is to play softly while the people are coming and going and while they are at the Lord's Table. For the pianist with very limited ability, we recommend the Songs of Salvation, as found in the *Methodist Hymnal.*

One other previous arrangement is the scuring of one or two ushers for the congregation numbering more than 25 or 30. The duty of the usher is to indicate the proper time when a number of persons shall come to the Lord's Table. He may stand at the end of the pew and nod to the people seated there that they shall now commune. This method avoids confusion, embarrassing moments of inaction, too few or too many persons coming to one table.

Two Forms Available

In The Methodist Church two orders or forms are available for the congregation to use before the administering of the Sacrament. But all Methodist churches should use the Order of Worship preceding the Invitation.

The rural church can, and should, use the entire Order of Worship, with or without a choir, and the other parts of the ritual for the Communion service. Use of a bulletin will allow the service to proceed with fewer announcements by the minister. A bulletin with an appropriate picture on the first page is effective.

The minister will set the spiritual atmosphere by the reverent and humble way he enters the pulpit or chancel and by the very first words he speaks. After the organ or piano prelude and the singing of a hymn of adoration and praise, the minister can further lift the congregation to a high level of worship by the sincerity and certainty with which he reads the Scriptural sentences. Every word the minister speaks during the service ought to aid in the worship experience for both him and his people.

Increase the Meaning

A five- or ten-minute message on the theme of World Wide Communion will increase the meaning of the entire service for the people.

When the time arrives for the singing of the Communion hymn, the people should stand, and remain standing for the reading of the Invitation (if the offering has been received previously). Immediately before the singing of the hymn or the reading of the Invitation it would be well for the minister to invite visitors from other denominational churches to commune with the members.

After the reading of the Invitation the people should be instructed to sit (or kneel) in an attitude of prayer and pray the Prayer of General Confession. The minister should kneel on both knees, facing the Lord's Table. He should lead this, and all the other congregational prayers, deliberately and clearly.

When the Prayer of Consecration has been given and the minister has communed, he will arise and nod to the organist to begin playing softly, and to the usher to direct the proper number of persons to come to the first table. If no usher is used, the minister may direct

by saying, "The people in the first three pews will come now to commune," indicating by a brief gesture of the hand which section is meant.

For the first several services, it is necessary for the pastor administering the Communion to tell the people what to do with the elements when first received. This explanation might be made before the reading of the Invitation. If there is self-service, the minister must indicate the exact time for the people to take the elements for themselves.

When the elements are distributed to each person, the minister may recite in a subdued voice the invitation to partake, as he moves along the Table. Another method that may merit more consideration is for the minister to distribute the element without speaking. Then, when every person at the Table has received the element, the minister will recite in a clear voice the words to partake. This is done for both the bread and the wine.

Quietness

Should the choir or congregation sing a stanza of a hymn while the people are approaching and leaving the Table? We have observed that the congregation prefer soft music from the piano or organ and the quietness marked by the absence of singing and the minister's speaking.

The Communion service is incomplete without at least one prayer before the Benediction. Both printed prayers in our ritual should be used if time permits.

The Communion service is one of the most dramatic services of our Church. People have always been deeply moved by great drama. We lift up a Christ who sacrificed His life for us so that we might have eternal life. When the people sincerely say that the Communion service was impressive, surely they were brought into the presence of the Lord.

Materials for World Wide Communion

Sunday, October 3, 1954

Invitation Cards (5½x3½) $1.00 per 100

A beautifully printed "special invitation" card for mailing or carrying to every member and friend, requesting that they attend church on World Wide Communion Sunday.

Covenant Card 50¢ per 100

This card should be mailed to every member or carried by visitors into every home ahead of World Wide Communion Sunday. It contains a request for loyalty to Christ and the Church, and faithful attendance, beginning on Communion Sunday.

My Church Attendance Record 50¢ per 100

Supply every member of the church and Sunday school with one of these cards to keep his own attendance record from World Wide Communion Sunday through Christmas.

Attendance Registration Cards
50¢ per 100; $2.25 per 500; $4.00 per 1,000

The use of this card encourages attendance and locates prospects. Register your church attendance on World Wide Communion and other selected Sundays by giving each person present a card on those Sundays. Order in large quantities for several Sundays.

Ushers should hand one of these cards to each visitor every Sunday. Many prospects for membership are located this way.

World Wide Communion Letterheads
75¢ per 100

An 8½"x11" letterhead for printing or mimeographing pastor's World Communion letter to members. (Because pastors prefer to use personal or church envelopes, we have no envelope to match.)

Printed Communion Service $1.50 per 100

This is a Communion Service, and is ready for use. It contains the prayers, scripture, responses, etc., for minister and people, being designed for churches which desire a fresh form, and yet one that is adapted from the Ritual itself.

World Wide Communion Bulletin
$1.00 per 100

Pastors who do not subscribe to a regular weekly bulletin service prefer to use this bulletin because of its appropriateness and World Communion message. Inside pages are left blank for printing or mimeographing local program and announcements. Non-denominational.

The Meaning of the Communion, by E. Stanley Jones $2.00 per 100

This new leaflet is an excellent message on the communion. This tract is the October, 1954, selection for the Tract-of-the-Month Club.

I Take the Cup, by Eugene Golay
$2.00 per 100

An excellent message on the personal and social implications of the communion

TIDINGS, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee

"I Was a STRANGER"

Youth of the church stamp the copies of *The Upper Room* with the stamp reading, "Compliments of The Methodist Church."

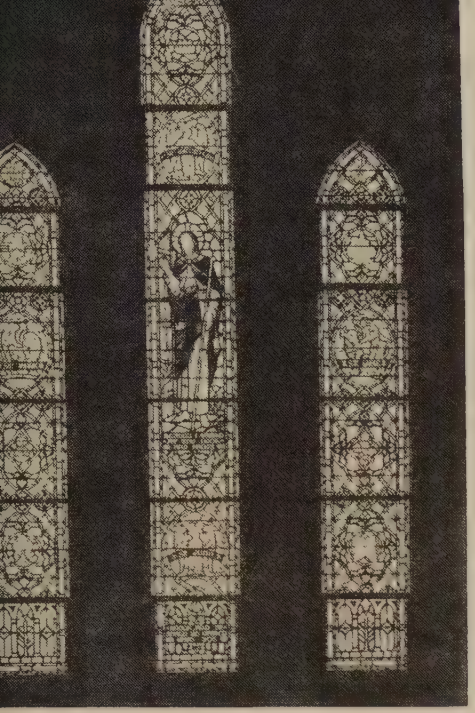
The Methodist Church at Worland, Wyoming, under the leadership of its minister, Reginald F. Goff, has expanded its ministry to include the strangers in its midst. The pictures tell the story of operation Motel—*The Upper Room* project.

The W. S. C. S. Committee leaves the church to distribute the copies of *The Upper Room.*

The Committee presents copies of *The Upper Room* to Mrs. William Day of Day's Courts.

Mr. Ted Outland, manager of the Watco Courts, receives copies of *The Upper Room.*

Mr. Tom Gee, of the Hotel Washakie, welcomes the arrival of a new issue of *The Upper Room.*



A window dedicated to evangelism.

Window Dedicated to Evangelism

HUNTINGTON COURT CHURCH, Roanoke, Virginia, recently dedicated a most unique stained-glass window to the theme, "Evangelism."

The theme was chosen in the light of the fact that Huntington Court Church is on a prominent corner in Roanoke where a steady stream of thousands of cars passes daily. It is on United States Highways 11 and 220.

The window was presented by Miss Minnie A. Webb, a member of the congregation, who desired to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary and who envisioned a lighted window for the travelers who pass the church at night. It is a memorial in honor of Dr. F. M. Richardson, second pastor of the church. Dr. Richardson was formerly editor of the *Baltimore Southern Methodist.*

The lighted window now proclaims its message, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." As worshipers leave the church they go away with this picture lingering in their minds. Many visitors stop for the services. There are two morning services, one at 9:00 and the other at 11:00, and an evening service at 7:30.

Alpheus W. Potts is the pastor of Huntington Court Church. His brother, J. Manning Potts, editor of *The Upper Room,* spoke at the dedication service.

The window consists of three panels. The figure of Christ knocking at the door is the artist's original idea. This figure is quite similar to Hoffmann's picture. The latchless door in the picture is borrowed from Holman Hunt's "The Light of the World," emphasizing the idea that each individual must open the door if Christ is to come in and have fellowship. At the peak of the side panels are the Greek letters IHC and XP symbolizing the humanity and divinity of Christ. The historic symbols of the four evangelists surround the Christ. These winged figures call attention to the different aspects of the gospel: Matthew, with his genealogy, representing the human side; Luke, representing the sacrificial; Mark, signifying the royalty of Christ; while John's loyalty and spiritual truths are symbolized by the winged eagle.

Other medallions with historic symbols tell a story also. In the lower left panel the chalice suggests the fellowship of believers who have opened the door. The way of believers is found in the Word of God symbolized in the lower right panel with the open Bible. The grapes and the vine tell of the Christian abiding in Christ, bearing fruit, and being effective in witnessing to the world.

Across the window and above the chalice is a cross and the orb, depicting world evangelism and the ultimate triumph of the Christian gospel.

Two other medallions high in the side panels symbolize the fellowship with Christ in the Church. The ship on the sea recalls the "ark of the Lord," or the extension of the gospel throughout the world. The church on the rock speaks of the Church which is in Christ Jesus against which the forces of evil shall not prevail. The crown in the top of the center panel pictures the final triumph of the Christian with the crown of life which will not fade away.

The whole window speaks a message of fellowship with the Christ in the Church with an ultimate victory over death. The appeal is made in the lower center panel, "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

The beautiful window stands as a symbol of the great theme of evangelism, and Huntington Court Church emphasizes this theme in its ministry to the community and to the world.

Left, the Huntington Court Church, Roanoke, Virginia. Right, A. W. Potts, pastor; J. H. Cunningham, vice-chairman of Trustees; and Miss Minnie A. Webb, donor of the window.

THE SECOND NATIONAL FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE

October 8, 9, 10, 1954

Music Hall, Cleveland Public Auditorium

"The Christian Family--The Hope of the World"

Song Leader: Dr. Varner M. Chance, Professor of Music, Baldwin Wallace College

PROGRAM

Friday, October 8

General Session

AFTERNOON:	Presiding: Bishop Hazen G. Werner
1:15	Communion Service
2:15	Opening of the Conference
2:25	Welcome by Governor Frank Lausche
2:30	Introductory Address: Bishop Hazen G. Werner
2:40	Keynote Address: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam "The Christian Family—the Hope of the World"
3:15	Introduction of Work Group Leaders —Dr. Edward D. Staples
3:30-5:00	Work Groups

General Session

EVENING:	Presiding: Bishop Paul Martin
7:30	Hymn and Prayer—Baldwin Wallace Choir
7:45	Speakers: Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Overstreet "Achieving a Mature Life Within the Family"
8:30	Hymn
8:35	Introduction of delegates from National and World Missions and guests from other denominations. (They are requested to assemble back stage at 7:15 P.M.)
8:45	Presentation of Representative Methodist Family by Mr. Ralph Edwards. Script by Mrs. George Harper
9:30	Youth and the Family (Film)

Saturday, October 9

MORNING:	
9:00-10:30	Work Groups

General Session

10:45	Song Service. Led by Dr. Varner Chance
11:00	Presiding: Bishop John W. Branscomb Devotions—Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
11:30	Speaker: Mrs. Douglas Horton "The Family Living in the Community"
AFTERNOON:	
1:45-3:45	Work Groups
4:00	Annual Conference Groups

General Session

EVENING:	Presiding: Bishop Charles W. Brashares
7:30	Hymn and Prayer—Mount Union College Choir
7:45	Panel: "The Effect of TV on the Family and Child Life" Moderator: Charles R. Day, Station WGAR, Cleveland Dr. Robert Goodrich, Dr. Wilbur Blume, Dr. Evelyn M. Duvall, Miss Judith Waller
8:45	Hymn and Introduction of Family Life Committee
8:50	Speaker: Norman Cousins "The Family and World Responsibility"

Sunday, October 10

MORNING:	
9:00	Network Broadcast—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

General Session

10:00	Presiding: Bishop Matthew W. Clair Reports and Recommendations
11:00	Morning Worship—Dr. George A. Warmer, Jr. "The Family and the Church Working Together"

General Session

AFTERNOON:	
2:30	Presiding: Bishop Hazen G. Werner
2:40	Hymn and Prayer—Ohio Wesleyan Choir
2:55	Address: Dr. Marshall Steel—"Family Developing Its Spiritual Life"
3:30	Commitment Service led by Bishop Hazen G. Werner
3:45	Adjournment

FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE

——————Convenes in October

by Edward D. Staples
Director, Department of the Christian Family
General Board of Education

SOME ANNUAL CONFERENCES have already filled their quotas of four couples per District for the National Conference on Family Life which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 8-10. On August 15, quotas were redistributed so that those desiring to attend who have not already registered will be taken care of. An exceptionally fine program has been announced by Bishop Hazen G. Werner, chairman of the Conference.

Outstanding Leaders

The Second National Conference on Family Life was authorized by the General Conference of The Methodist Church and is planned by a Family Life Committee on which there is representation from eight of the World Service Agencies of The Methodist Church. It is expected that the Music Hall of the Public Auditorium in Cleveland, Ohio, will be filled when the Conference opens on October 8. Anticipated attendance is 3,000 delegates.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam will deliver the keynote address of the Conference, which will be opened by a service of Holy Communion. Governor Lausche of Ohio will welcome the delegates. Other outstanding leaders include Dr. George A. Warmer, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Oakland, California; Mrs. Douglas Horton, former president of Wellesley College and former Director of Woman's Reserves, U. S. Naval Reserves (WAVES); Dr. Marshall Steel, pastor, Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas; Dr. and Mrs. Harry A. Overstreet, noted lecturers on family life; and Dr. Norman Cousins, editor of *The Saturday Review*. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland will deliver one of the devotional addresses.

Pre-Conference Studies

In 82 Annual Conferences there have been groups working for nearly a year on background material for the delegates. The results of this study have been pulled together by Dr. J. T. Greene, Dr. S. M. Duvall, Dr. Mildred Morgan, Dr. David R. Mace, and Dr. George A. Warmer, Jr., into a study document sent to the delegates during the month of August so that they might read it before coming to the National Conference. It contains a summary of the work of the Annual Conference groups, questions for discussion, and suggested resources. Additional copies of this booklet, *The Christian Family, the Hope of the World,* may be secured from the Service Department of the Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee. (Price: single copy, 20 cents; 10 for $1.50; 100 for $10.00. *Please send cash or check with order.*)

First to Register

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Sanders and Ronnie of Roswell, Georgia, study the folder announcing the National Conference on Family Life at Cleveland, Ohio. They were the first couple to register.

Work Groups

In connection with the Conference in Cleveland there will be 26 work groups in the five areas around which the Conference has been built:

1. The Family Develops Its Spiritual Life
2. Achieving a Mature Life within the Family
3. The Family and Community Affecting Each Other
4. The Family Facing Its World Responsibility
5. The Family and the Church Working Together

Those five areas will each be divided into five groups as follows:

1. Young couples without children
2. Parents of pre-school children
3. Parents of grade school children
4. Parents of youth
5. Families with three generations

Dr. Richard Lentz, of the National Council of Churches Joint Committee on Family Life, will lead the discussion group for ministers on "Planning a Church Family Life Program." (SHEPHERDS' readers are referred to the article, "You Can Have a Family Life Conference in Your Church," September, page 7.)

Persons who have not yet registered for the National Conference on Family Life should immediately get in touch with the Executive Secretary of their Annual Conference Board of Education, or write to the National Conference on Family Life, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee, for registration blanks. All registrations have to be countersigned by the Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education.

The Commission on Membership and Evangelism

"Project of the Month"

of October Is

"A REDEDICATION OF EVERY FAMILY TO THE CHURCH"

by C. Lloyd Daugherty, Jr.

National Director, The Local Church Commission on Membership and Evangelism

OPPORTUNITY:

The month of October, beginning with World Wide Communion on October 3, offers the Commission on Membership and Evangelism a glorious opportunity

1. to lift up each family in the local church as an important unit of the world-wide Christian Fellowship which is the Family of God
2. to rededicate each family—person by person—to renewed loyalty to the church
3. to emphasize the spiritual values of families worshipping together in home and church

PURPOSE:

1. To have every member of every family present at the communion table which, on October 3, includes all Christian families everywhere
2. To take communion to all who are prevented from attending
3. To rededicate all communicants to an all-out loyalty to and attendance at church—particularly during this important month

A miniature reproduction of the Communion Covenant Card which all persons are asked to read, sign, and bring to church with them on October 3.

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

Church Loyalty Covenant

In remembrance of Christ's life and sacrificial death

I will be present on World Wide Communion Sunday.
I desire to renew my loyalty to Christ and His Church.
I will attend at least one service of worship each Sunday unless prevented by circumstances beyond my control.

Name _____ Address _____

PROCEDURE:

1. Consider the advisability of additional church services on October 3 to accommodate the people and to help relieve the "pressure" due to large numbers of people taking communion at one service. An early service and/or an evening communion service are recommended.
2. Prior to World Communion Sunday send visitors to the home of every member. Visits may be brief. Explain that *every* church member and family is being visited to extend a special invitation to one of the World Wide Communion services on October 3 at the church; present the Invitation Card (see page 13). Then present all persons of the family the Covenant Card, ask them to read, sign, and bring to church on October 3 (see below). Before leaving, invite all the members of the family in and hold an Upper Room service—reading *The Upper Room* devotional for that day. Remind the family that by using this devotional guide they are joining with families who use 2,900,000 copies of this guide in twenty-two different languages and that the September-October issue is the World Christian Fellowship Number and is written by Christians from all over the world. Leave the copy with the family requesting them to use it daily as spiritual preparation for the Communion service, and to use it for the remainder of the month in loyalty to the world-wide Family of God.
3. Do all possible to make World Wide Communion significant. Some churches like to use a specially printed Commission Service folder which contains the prayers, scripture, responses, etc., for minister and people—a fresh form, yet adapted for the Ritual. Many people like to take these home for keepsakes.
4. In the church bulletin of October 3, or in announcement by the pastor, remind the people of the National Family Life Conference being held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 8-10, and invite all persons to pray that God will bless this Conference, and families everywhere.
5. It may be that the pastor would like to preach on the importance of the Christian family, or some related theme on October 10.

6. October 17 is Laymen's Day. Make this a great family experience. Support this program in every possible way—particularly with renewed emphasis on attendance.

7. October 24 is World Order Sunday—the Family of God theme again. The pastor will want to observe this in his message and the membership will want to honor it with their attendance. Pray for this great World Order program of our church.

8. October 31 is both World Temperance Sunday and Reformation Sunday—both honor the Christian family and exalt the Family of God

MATERIALS:

A. For use in the program

1. Order from TIDINGS:

World Wide Communion Covenant Cards 50c per 100

Invitation Cards $1.00 per 100

Printed Communion Service $1.50 per 100

The Christian Family, by Bishop Costen J. Harrell $2.00 per 100

2. Order from THE UPPER ROOM:

The Upper Room—Sept.-October
(World Christian Fellowship Number)

Regular Edition
Airmail Edition
Spanish Edition
} 5c each in lots of 10 or more to one address

envelopes for remailing Regular or Spanish editions
1c each in lots of ten or more

envelopes for Airmail Edition (regular mail)
1c each in lots of ten or more

envelopes—envelopes for Airmal Edition
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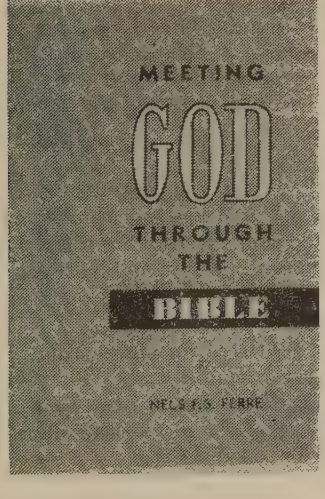
Airmail Special—17 Airmail Edition and 17 Airmail envelopes. $1.00.



Meeting God Through the Bible, by Nels F. S. Ferré, is a simple, straight-from-the-heart book which challenges Christians to rediscover the Bible for themselves.

Once a Year

Your Church calls upon you in a special way to be present for a communion service.

'Tis a sacred day,

one of the most significant in the Christian calendar,

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

First Sunday in October

Multiplied millions of Christians of all denominations—of all races on all continents—and isles of the sea will attend the services at their own church in remembrance of Him who said, "This do in remembrance of Me," partake of Christian fellowship, and devote themselves in mind and heart to worldwide peace and brotherhood.

Your Church Calls You

"GIVE GOD A CHANCE"

Shown in reduced form is the very attractive Invitation Card to be mailed or given to every member, prospective member, and constituent prior to World Wide Communion Sunday, October 3.

B. For your literature table

1. Order from TIDINGS:

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit, by Edwin Lewis. 50c each; 12 or more, 35c each

The Christian Hope, by Bishop William T. Watkins. 50c each; 12 or more, 35c each

Proclaiming the Good News, by Bishop William C. Martin. 50c each; 12 or more 35c each

New Life in Christ, by Charles M. Laymon. 50c each; 12 or more, 35c each

A Primer of Prayer, by Charles M. Laymon. 50c each; 12 or more, 35c each

The Beliefs of a Methodist Christian, by Clinton M. Cherry. 50c each; 12 or more, 35c each

The Methodist Primer, by Bishop Charles C. Selecman. 50c each; 12 or more, 35c each

Spiritual Life Through Tithing, by G. Ernest Thomas 50c each; 12 or more, 35c each

The Holy Habits of the Spiritual Life, by G. Ernest Thomas 50c each; 12 or more, 35c each

A Primer for Churchmen, by G. Ernest Thomas 50c each; 12 or more, 35c each

2. Order from THE UPPER ROOM

Family Altar Commitment Cards—75c per 100

Family Altar Certificate—5c each in lots of ten

Meeting God Through the Bible—15c, 10 for $1.00

How to Conduct Family Worship at the Table—15c, 10 for $1.00

The Spiritual Help Packet—34 booklets $3.00

Prayer Time—Devotions for Families with Young Children, 50c, 12 for $5.00

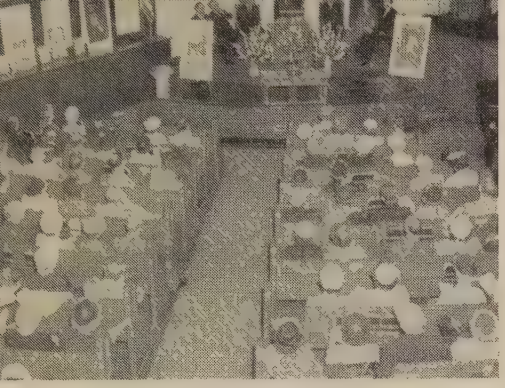
Table Graces From The Upper Room—15c, 10 for $1.00

The Practice of the Presence of God—15c, 10 for $1.00

How to Live All Your Life—15c, 10 for $1.00

ORDER ALL MATERIALS IMMEDIATELY

A Christian Mission to the Home in Youngstown, Ohio



Bishop Hazen G. Werner addresses the opening session on the Youngstown District "Christian Mission to the Home." This experimental mission was attended by 800 persons.

Miss Mabel N. Riedinger, professor, College of Education, University of Akron, leads group of parents of pre-school children.

Above, youth join the discussions concerning the family.

Below, discussion section regarding families whose children have left home.

A NEW spiritual venture in evangelism was framed by the doorway of the home as the Youngstown and Lima Districts in Ohio conducted a "Christian Mission to the Home" climaxing during National Family Week, May 2 to 9. The project was sponsored by Bishop Hazen G. Werner, chairman of the Methodist Committee on Family Life, and carried out by the two District Superintendents, Dr. Lee Whiteman and Dr. Harold Kellogg. Staff personnel from the General Board of Evangelism assisted.

The purpose of the Christian Mission to the Home was three-fold:

1. To establish Christian unity in the family circle for Christ and the Church.
2. To meet family life needs through group discussions, personal counseling, and work-shops.
3. To help families win other families to Christ and the Church.

Visitation

The plan for conducting the mission combined several of the established patterns of procedure. First there was visiting of the families of the church in general, following something of the Spiritual Life Evangelism approach. Then came specialized visitation training, the use of a pointed family life covenant, seminars for pastors, with individual and group counseling on family life.

Here was an effort to go to the very heart of the matter of family religion. Long the Church has emphasized that religion is a family matter. There has been a new concern for some time. The General Conference of The Methodist Church recognized the need as it provided for The Methodist Committee on Family Life. Now there has come the experiment in the Lima and Youngstown Districts, with the results to be presented at the National Conference on Family Life at Cleveland, October 8 to 10.

Each local church participating sent visitors into the homes of the church members seeking those in each family who were not full members of the church. The challenge was to have every member of every family fully committed to Christ and to the practice of Christian habits within the home. There was a strong emphasis on the fact that Christian living in the home is necessary if members of the family are to be Christian in the community and Church.

Family Altar

Families were urged as family units to devote a time each day for personal devotions, to establish a family altar, and to practice the Christian way of life person by person. Then, further, families were urged to attend the church regularly together, to maintain their Christian standards in the community activities, to recognize the responsibility of the home to assist the church school, and to try definitely to win other whole families to the Church.

During a special four-day program on a District basis, specially skilled family leaders were brought in to the two centers. Late each afternoon the pastors of the participating churches met to discuss ways and means of supplementing the church program to strengthen the family. In the evening there were open meetings for the church leaders, teachers, and others. Here, after a presentation of family needs, groups were formed on the basis of the age range of the children in the home.

Discussions allowed parents to face the issues of a Christian home with others of the same kind of families. Different leadership was provided each of the three evenings so there could be a variety of discussions.

Bishop Werner, in launching the program, used as his text, "That God may open to us a door . . . to speak . . . of Christ." The door was the door of the home.

The Christian Mission to the Home in Lima, Ohio

At Marion, Ohio, a radio panel discusses the family in the Lima District "Christian Mission to the Home."

IN AN EFFORT to widen the reach of Christian guidance into the home, two Christian Missions to the Home were held in the Ohio Area under the supervision of Bishop Werner. One was in the Youngstown District, the other in the Lima District.

Lima District Mission

The Lima District Mission, under the leadership of Dr. Harold F. Kellogg, District Superintendent, was held at Epworth Methodist Church in Marion, Ohio, Walter C. Eyster, pastor. The central idea of the Mission was to bring Christian resources to bear upon home and family life, the theme being "Christ, the Door of the Home." Scriptural thought presented by Bishop Werner for the Mission was "that God may open unto us a door for the Lord to speak the mystery of Christ."

The schedule included an opening mass meeting on Sunday night; on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning, seminars for ministers; afternoon, counseling opportunities; on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening, public worship—devotional addresses followed by group discussions.

The ministers' seminars were led by Rev. Louis Wolter, pastor of First Methodist Church, Middletown, Ohio, and chairman of the Ohio Area Commission on Pastoral Counseling. The subjects for the three seminars were "Premarital Counseling," "Marital Counseling," "The Pastor's Ministry to the Home." At a luncheon meeting of the pastors, Dr. Robert E. Weimer, psychiatrist, of the Smith Clinic in Marion, spoke on the theme, "The Minister as a Counselor."

Rev. L. Claire Warden, pastor Methodist Church, Oxford, Ohio, was the Mass Meeting and Youth Rally speaker. At the Mass Meeting Mr. Warden emphasized the divine opportunity and obligation of parenthood. The Youth Rally theme was "Religion and Friendship, Courtship and Marriage."

Evening Sessions

The evening sessions included a presentation of the subject, followed by discussion groups. The general assemblage was divided into five groups for purposes of discussion: "Married couples without children," "Parents with pre-school children," "Parents with grade school children," "Parents with high school boys and girls," and "Grandparents." The themes for the three evenings were: "The Family in its Personal Relationships" (husband-wife, parent-child, child-child, in-laws); "Helping the Home to Be Christian"; and "The Christian Family and Community and World Conditions."

The discussion groups related the theme for the evening to the problems and opportunities of their particular group. These groups were led by laymen and ministers.

In an effort to reach into a greater number of homes, a radio panel—consisting of Judge Edward Ruzzo, Marion County Probate Court; Mr. Harold Edwards, Director Curriculum, Marion City Schools; Dr. Harold Kellogg, Superintendent, Lima District; Mr. Robert Williams, businessman, Marion; Wayne E. North, General Board of Evangelism, The Methodist Church; Walter Eyster, pastor, Epworth Methodist Church, Marion, moderator—discussed the theme, "Family and Community Responsibility."

Basic Institution

Because of the importance of the home as the basic institution in our society and as the school for the child during the most formative years of life, it is imperative that we continually strive to bring our Christian resources to the home. This mission proved to be one more effective way in which the church can minister to the needs of the home.

Rev. Louis Wolter addresses an evening session of the "Mission" in the Lima District.

Above, a ministers' seminar in the "Christian Mission to the Home." Rev. Clair Warden is the leader.

Below, Rev. W. C. Eyster leads a discussion group in the Lima District "Mission."

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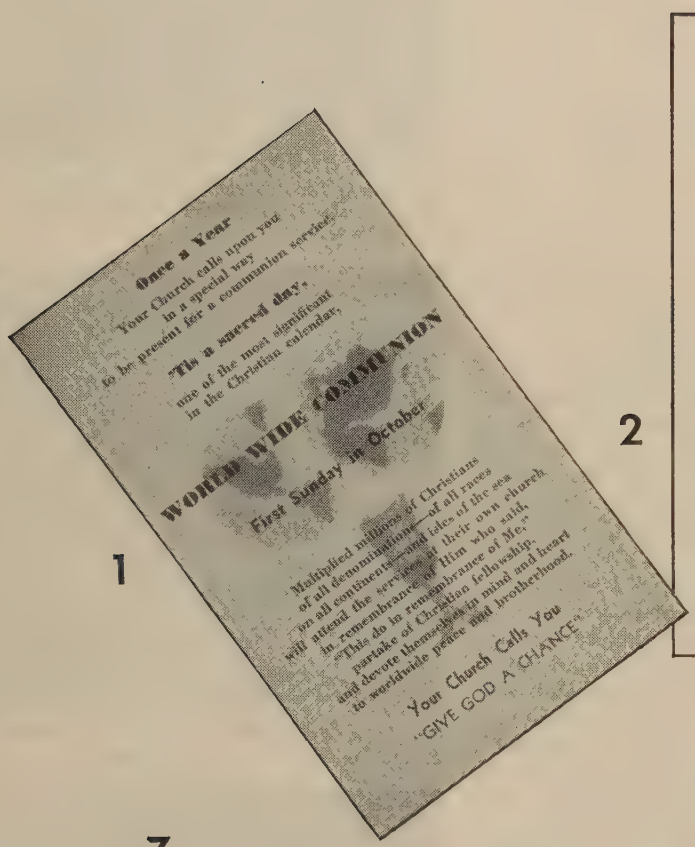
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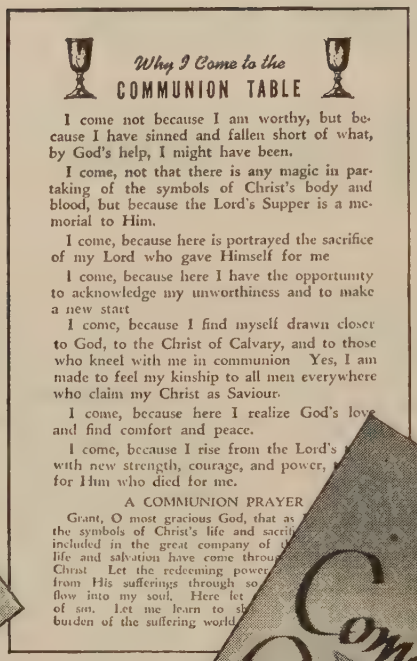
Why I Come to the
COMMUNION TABLE
I come not because I am worthy, but because I have sinned and fallen short of what, by God's help, I might have been.
I come, not that there is any magic in partaking of the symbols of Christ's body and blood, but because the Lord's Supper is a memorial to Him.
I come, because here is portrayed the sacrifice of my Lord who gave Himself for me
I come, because here I have the opportunity to acknowledge my unworthiness and to make a new start
I come, because I find myself drawn closer to God, to the Christ of Calvary, and to those who kneel with me in communion Yes, I am made to feel my kinship to all men everywhere who claim my Christ as Saviour.
I come, because here I realize God's love and find comfort and peace.
I come, because I rise from the Lord's
with new strength, courage, and power,
for Him who died for me.
A COMMUNION PRAYER
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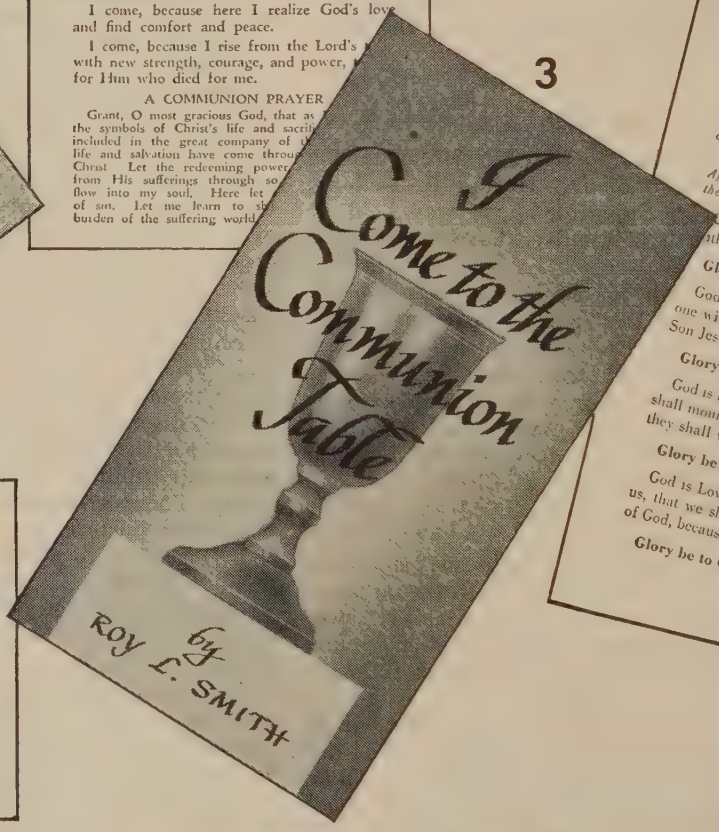

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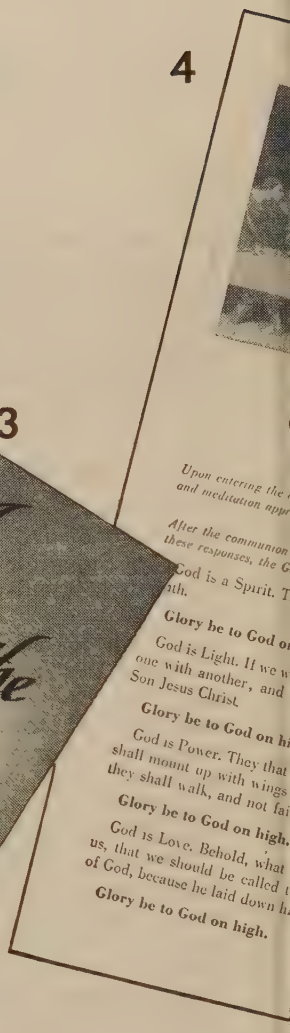
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Attendance Registration

☐ I am a member of this church.

☐ I am a member of _____ Church
Name of church

in _____ _____
City State

☐ I have no church affiliation.

☐ I would like to become a member of this church.

Name_____

Address_____

"See You in Church Sunday"

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For other World Wide Communion materials, s

1 **Invitation Cards (5½x3½)** $1.00 per 100

A beautifully printed "special invitation" card for mailing or carrying to every member and friend, requesting church attendance on World Wide Communion Sunday.

2 **Why I Come to the Communion Table** 60¢ per 100

A card with devotional value. Give one to every person at beginning of the service.

3 **I Come to the Communion Table** $2.00 per 100
by Roy L. Smith

This is an excellent leaflet for mailing to every home or for distribution at the World Wide Communion Service.

4 **Printed Communion Service** $1.50 per 100

Contains the prayers, scripture, responses, etc., for minister and people, being designed for churches which desire a fresh form, and yet one that is adapted from the Ritual itself.

Wide Communion Sunday

Let every Christian
present himself at the Lord's Table
DRAW NEAR
WITH FAITH
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The Lord's Table
is 25,000 miles long
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I take the Cup
Eugene L. Golay
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WORLD WIDE
COMMUNION
Christ Loyalty Covenant
In remembrance of Christ's life and sacrificial death
I will be present on World Wide Communion Sunday.
I desire to renew my loyalty to Christ and His Church.
I will attend at least one service of worship each Sunday
unless prevented by circumstances beyond my control.
Name
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5 **"Draw Near with Faith"** $2.00 per 100

This inspiring leaflet by Bishop W. Earl Ledden was written especially for World Wide Communion Sunday.

6 **I Take the Cup** $2.00 per 100

by Eugene Golay

This new leaflet is an excellent message on the personal and social implications of the communion.

7 **Attendance Registration Cards**

50¢ per 100; $2.25 for 500; $4.00 per 1,000

The use of this card encourages attendance and locates prospects.

8 **Communion Covenant Card** 50¢ per 100

To be given to every member for signing and bringing to church on Communion Sunday.

This Commission on Membership and Evangelism *Works* in a Great Down-Town Church

by Robert Harvey Bodine
Pastor, First Methodist Church, Peoria, Illinois

"THIS COMMISSION has the spirit of an old-fashioned camp meeting," said the lay leader, Mr. Ray Puckett, speaking to me about the work of our Commission on Membership and Evangelism. It was this same Commission that, three years before, had faced the great task of evangelism in the moving processional of the largest Methodist congregation in the state.

Concern for Souls

Under the direction of W. Harold Loyd, minister of pastoral care, the Commission had outlined a program born in the spirit of an Upper Room. (In this case it was the third-floor office of the man who had just been appointed by the Bishop to supervise the spiritual welfare of a widely-scattered congregation, reaching a radius of 25 miles.) It was to be an old-fashioned Methodist concern for souls, with the same passion that had driven founders of the Church—the Jesse Walkers and the Peter Cartwrights—130 years before, but with every modern technique for the approach to an old, old problem.

The minister of pastoral care was well trained for such a task, and others of the staff were to be associated closely with him. The director of education, the minister of music, the parish visitor, and the directing minister himself were assigned responsibility in the greatest business in the world—pastoral care.

First Church had all the problems any other congregation ever had, plus a good number in addition. It had all the problems which come with the spiritual battle of a down-town church. It wouldn't be easy to show numerical gains, for transfers out, death, and loss by inactivity would reveal a terrific exodus.

Brother Loyd (as he immediately and affectionately became known) announced to the Commission certain basic principles. This program must be carried forward by prayer. Every person in the great congregation of First Church must feel that the Commission had a personal concern for every member. This great congregation should be visited by laymen and staff until every home had had a personal call.

Paramount Objective

There would be opportunity to bring people into the church to pad the rolls and thereby show results, but the Commission was to place one thing paramount, namely: Did the person have a deep desire to belong to this particular Methodist church? "We want only those who love it; who believe in it; who will pray for it and support it by their prayers and gifts and services. We will discover this important factor not only by signed commitment cards, but also by a period of training and introduction to the congregation. Those who will not follow through such an introduction will be held until they manifest a willingness and an interest to become acquainted and to give their commitment—without reservation—to the church. It is our business to knock on the door. The spirit of the Living God must touch their hearts."

"The Big Fisherman"

It is now three years since the program began, and the lay leader is thrilled with its accomplishment. Recently a Coffee Hour Reception for new members was held at the end of the second morning worship service. New friendships were formed, old acquaintances were renewed, and the new members were *new* for the last time. They had found their place in the fellowship.

A half hour before 54 adults had been received in the first Sunday, monthly reception in the sanctuary. They had been contacted by the Fishermen's Club, a committee of the fellowship of the Commission. Thirty-two Fishermen had called in the name of the church, and in the three-year period they had led

The Big Twelve of the Fisherman's Club with the Directing Minister, Robert Harvey Bodine (standing left), and the Minister of Pastoral Care, W. Harold Lloyd (standing right). These fishermen won 1,026 in three years.

The "Big Fisherman," Clarence Hoagland, and W. Harold Lloyd, Minister of Pastoral Care, with the membership roll. Mr. Hoagland has obtained 306 commitments.

into the fellowship of First Church, 1,206 souls. And "Big Fisherman" Clarence Hoagland, retired insurance man, brought 306 of them himself! He had won 123 on profession of faith and, after their commitments, he had asked his ministers to go with him to call on each of these important cases.

Membership Seminar

The Friday night before, the new members had met in the Membership Seminar that started with a 6:15 o'clock supper. Fellowship Friends had made further contact and vowed to carry them into the full life of the church. For three hours and a half every detail of the great program of First Church was explained and demonstrated. This was done through visual aids, a dramatic skit, and a pertinent message from the laity. First Church had truly become FIRST in the lives of a new monthly fellowship of members.

As they signed their names to the accumulative roll of the church, at the concluding act of worship in the sanctuary, they provided an interesting register of the work of the Fishermen: a railroad president, a junior executive, an all-American star from the "Peoria Cats" basketball team, laborers in Peoria's industries, young people with the responsibility of a first child in their home, old people who have come to live out their days in the suburban communities. All of them make up the great profile of First Church—those who have made the total commitment, carrying through the specific steps.

Children are received into membership after six months of special training.

Beyond the 1,000 commitments, there remain 107 who have signed commitments and are yet to complete the steps that will bring them into the fellowship. For this Commission with the camp meeting spirit feels that there has been delivered to it a sacred trust, born in the spirit of an Upper Room, consecrated in the fire of three years of continued evangelism, and consummated at the altar: "Will you be loyal to The Methodist Church and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service" without reservation?

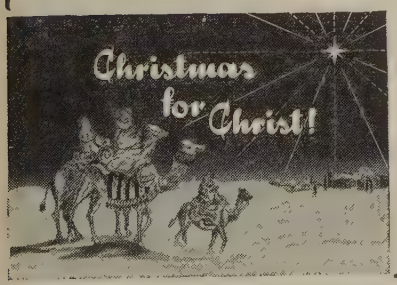
DETERMINE NOW

to help your church and community

Make Christmas Christian

November SHEPHERDS

will contain a plan and program
to help you emphasize during Advent



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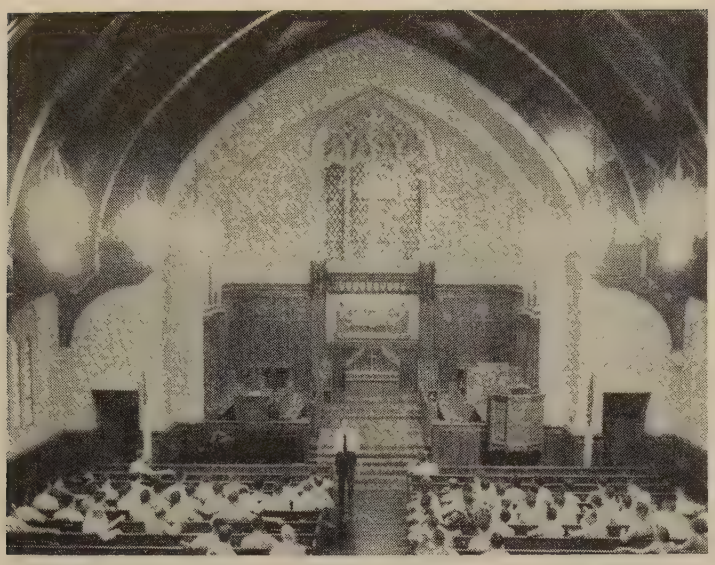


Dr. Harry Denman conducts the consecration service for the 70-E at Park College.

THE SEVENTY EVANGELISTS

One of the dramatic moments of the New Testament came when Christ "appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place."

One of the dramatic moments of the Church today came at Park College, Parkville, Missouri, as the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church appointed 70 and sent them out to proclaim the way of Christ in 31 states. "The Seventy" were selected seminary students representing 16 of the theological schools of the nation. In training for the Methodist ministry, they gave their summer for this practical field work.

United in Christ

The program known as "The Seventy Evangelists," or "70-E," began with two weeks' training and briefing at Park College. Coming with the divergent points of view of their respective schools, the men soon found their differences were insignificant as their lives were bound together as with one giant heart beat for the cause of Christ.

Prayer and Bible study brought the men closer together as they heard the methods and motivations of evangelism presented by the members of the staff of the General Board of Evangelism and other evangelistic leaders of the church, such as Dr. Ronald Meredith, First Methodist Church, Wichita, Kansas; Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, General Board of Education; Dr. Kermit Long, Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago; Mr. Glenn Johnson, music director of First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas; and Bishop W. Angie Smith, of Oklahoma.

From these periods of careful evaluations of the evangelistic need of the church, The Seventy immediately went into the field, working in some half dozen churches of Kansas City, with about half of the men sharing in a Prayer Life Mission at the Institutional Methodist Church in the heart of one of Kansas City's most populated areas.

Cross-Section of City Life

Visiting from door to door, speaking to people about their belief in God, in Christ, and the reality of prayer, many of the students found themselves face to face with a real cross-section of city people, representing all degrees of religious experience from those who scoffed at religion to the very devout.

Forming a chorus, the men went to the large housing projects on Sunday afternoon. After singing, they told Bible stories to the many children who gathered. Box lunches were shared with people who had no food. Alcoholics found in these men someone who was concerned about them.

Through the latter part of the training program, Bishop W. Angie Smith preached at Institutional Church. The 70-E men provided the choir. They went out to invite people into the services. Through such experience, evangelism in all of its various attitudes and approaches became real. Again and again it became apparent that through all methods there must be the recurring theme, "The people need Christ."

Early in the training period, a slogan was uppermost in the minds of some, and soon a poster was prepared with these words: "70-E—Here we enter a fellowship of evangelism. Sometimes we agree to differ. Always we resolve to love and unite to serve." The end of the training brought this resolve to a paramount place in the lives of the "Seventy."

In a spirit of unity of mind and soul seldom seen, the Seventy took their assignments of nine-weeks' work each and went out with a single determination: to make Christ real to all men everywhere. The full story of what happened during those nine weeks will probably never be told. To say, as does the scripture, "The Seventy returned with joy . . ." is only a mild indication of what happened.

New churches were opened. . . .

Closed churches were re-opened. . . .

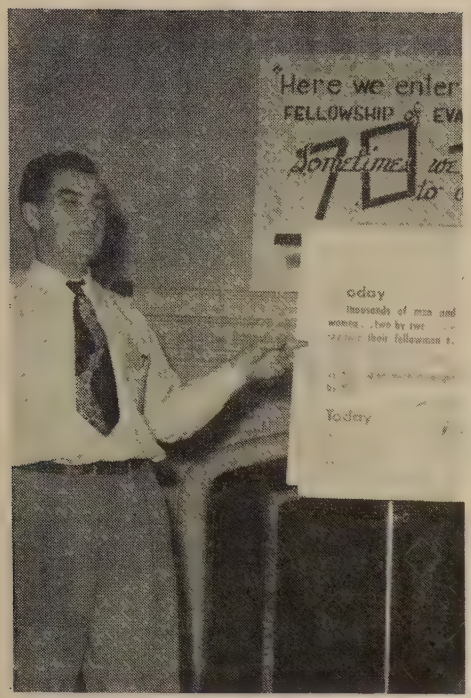
People, indifferent to the church, were won back. . . .

New people were found. . . .

Youth were led to high commitment. . . .

A Continuing Story

The story has no end—will never have an end—because 70 men in preparation for the Methodist ministry now have a new concern for the basic task of the Church—the presentation of Christ to all people. The "Seventy Evangelists" gave their best in the highest traditions of Methodist evangelism. The Church with its wonderful Christ is a reality to people wherever the Seventy went—and the Seventy have a new sense of commission for proclaiming the Kingdom of God.



Above, Dr. Kermit Long, pastor, Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois, instructs the 70-E in the methods of Visitation Evangelism.

Bishop W. Angie Smith brought the evangelistic messages highlighting the Prayer Mission services each evening at Institutional Methodist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

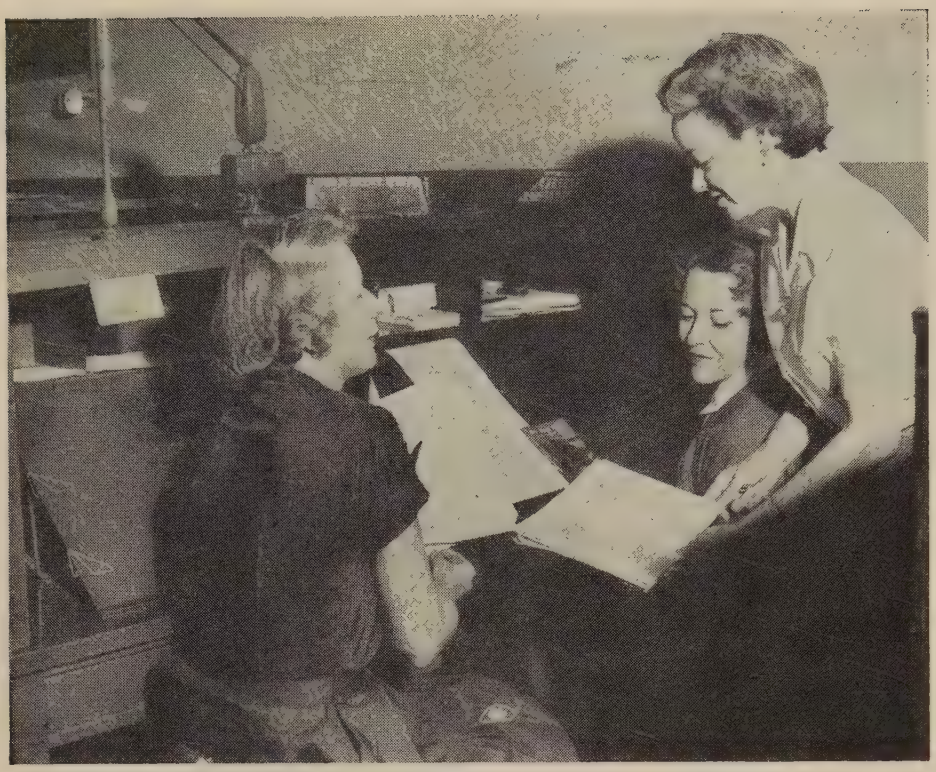
Above right, 70-E men leave church for door-to-door visiting.

Right, Seventy Evangelists conduct outdoor services for children.

The Seventy Evangelists talk to all—housewife at door, children in yard.

Institutional Methodist Church, Kansas City, where Prayer Mission was held in connection with the 70-E program.

THE STORY of a MEDITATION for *The Upper Room*



Reading *The Upper Room* proof at the Parthenon Printing Plant are, from left to right, Miss Mary Watkins, Mrs. Mamie Snapp, and Mrs. Katherine Hill.

From all parts of the world and from persons of all evangelical faiths, meditations come to the desk of the editor of THE UPPER ROOM, Dr. J. Manning Potts. When a meditation is received, it is immediately acknowledged by a member of the editorial staff. The meditation is then classified, filed and cross filed. If the writer makes no classification of his meditation, it is carefully read to see into which week's topic it fits.

Due, in part, to the other language editions, it is necessary to be working on a given issue eight months in advance of the time of its use. (The outlines containing the weekly topics for the latter part of 1955 are now available from THE UPPER ROOM.) If a meditation designated for a topic comes into the office too late to be used for that topic, it is reclassified.

As a particular issue is being prepared, the folders for the week involved are taken from the files and the very thorough reading of the manuscripts begins. From now to the time they are finally printed, they will be read by no fewer than ten persons and as many as forty times. This task of selecting from the scores of meditations on each topic is one of the most difficult assignments confronting the editorial personnel. Each meditation must keep both the adult reader and the child listener in mind. This often means the failure to use a meditation which for adult readers only would be excellent.

Before a meditation is finally chosen, it is carefully checked for sincerity, simplicity, and spiritual strength. Once chosen, the manuscript is prepared for the format of THE UPPER ROOM. This involves a very careful check on all scriptural references, all historical and literary facts, and all scientific terms. Various members of the editorial staff have specialized in English, history, literature, physics, philosophy, and theology. This makes possible a careful checking of all details.

Next, the length of each meditation must be made to conform to the space allowed. Meditations cannot exceed 250 words, including scripture text, body, prayer, and "Thought for the Day." No scripture text is used twice in the same issue and no scripture reading is repeated within a six-month period.

Proofreading is done both at the printing plant and at the editorial offices. The proofreading sessions at THE UPPER ROOM are under the direction of the editor. Meeting together in these sessions are four ministers, a graduate physics student from India, two laymen—one formerly a professor of English and the other a professor in journalism—and three laywomen. It is not the policy, purpose, or practice of THE UPPER ROOM to make drastic changes in any meditation. The purpose is to retain the original style of the author. If a meditation needs to be changed too much, another meditation is substituted.

Copies of the final proof are sent to those responsible for the other language editions. As of now, there are 27 editions of THE UPPER ROOM. The other language editions are produced in such areas as; Asia—Hong Kong; Seoul, Korea; Bangkok, Thailand; Lucknow, India; Lahore, Pakistan; Tokyo, Japan; Europe—Rome, Italy; Athens, Greece; Helsingsfors and Borga, Finland; Stockholm, Sweden; Oslo, Norway; Stirling, Scotland; other places—Tehran, Iran; Beiruth, Lebanon; Manila, Philippines; Sao Paulo, Brazil; Victoria, Australia; Calgary, Canada.

Because of the problems involved in translation, no rhymed poetry is used in THE UPPER ROOM. It means also that a play on words and national and provincial expressions and phrases must be avoided.

Each time you use your copy of THE UPPER ROOM, remember the editor and all his staff in prayer. The far-reaching influence of THE UPPER ROOM is beyond man's doing.

CIRCULATION BY STATES of THE UPPER ROOM

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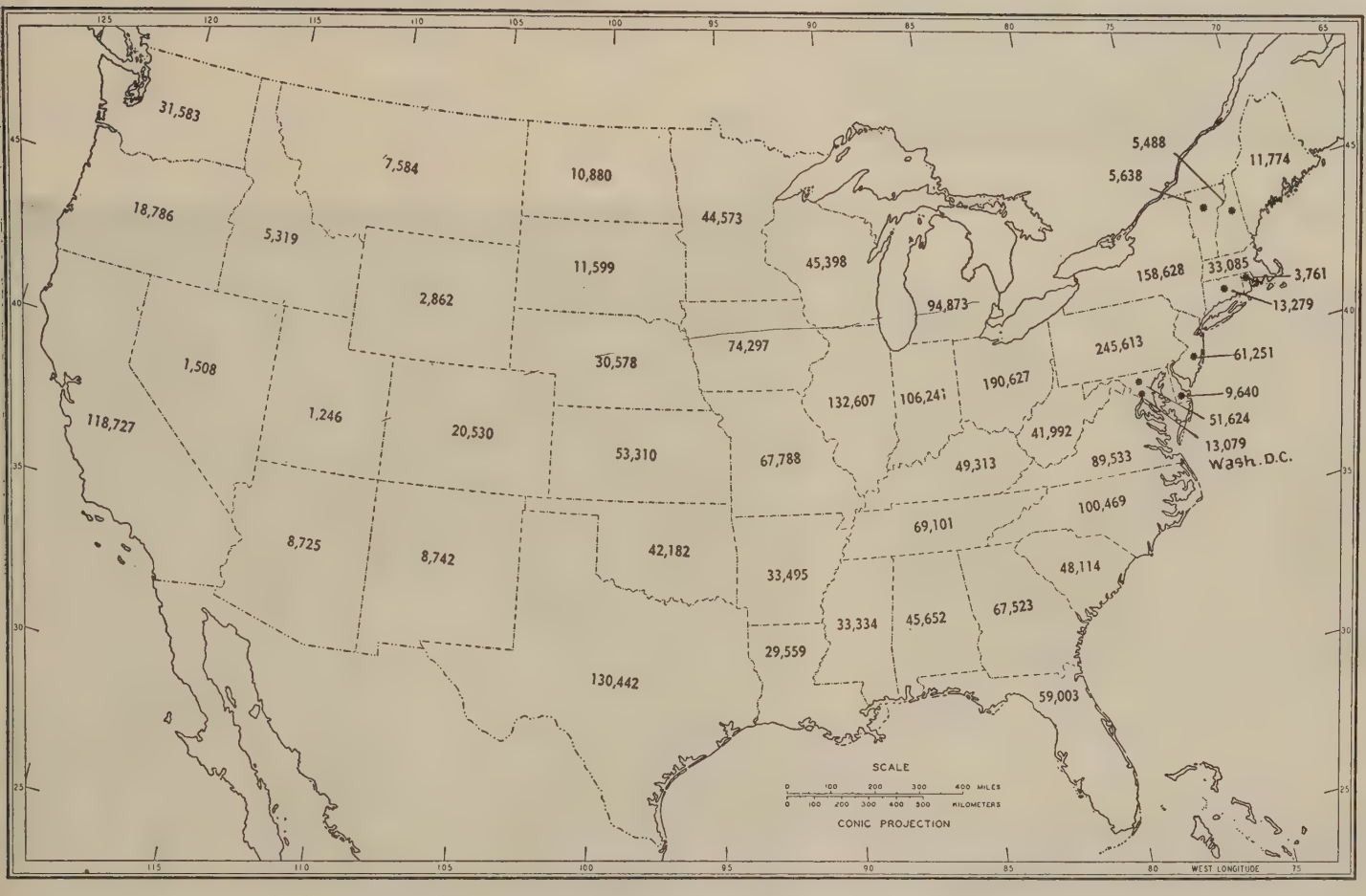

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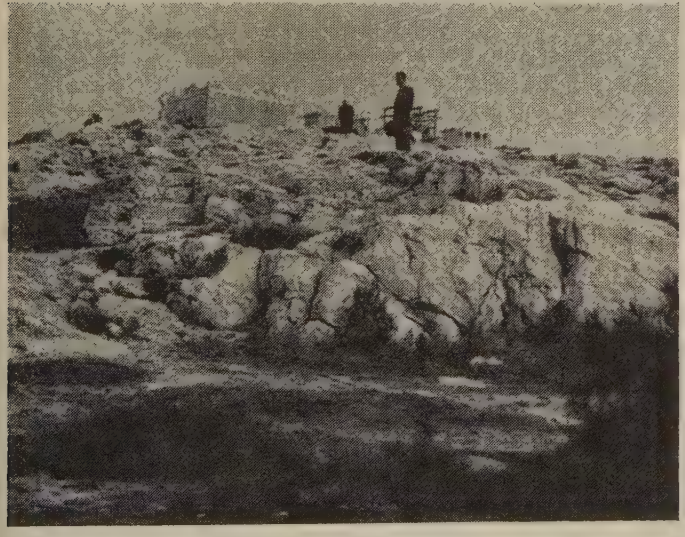
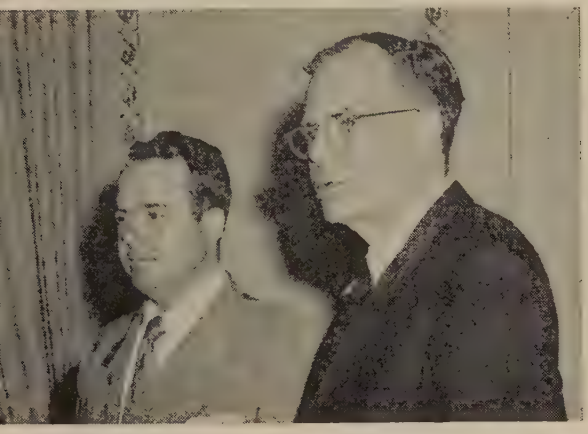


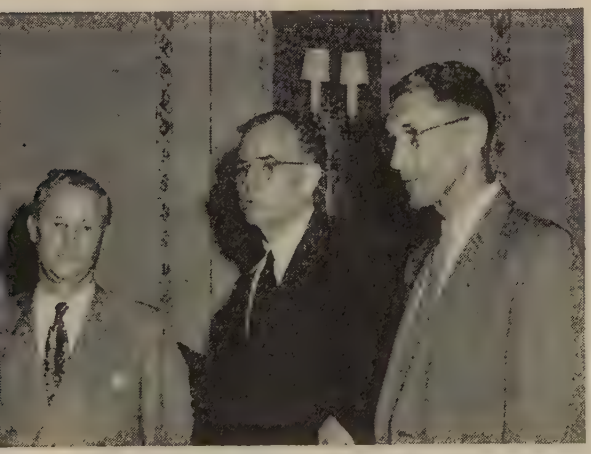
Here is a modern-day picture of Mars Hill (the Areopagus) in Athens. The building in the background is on the Acropolis. Between the two hills is a deep ravine. Dr. Harry Denman, Executive Secretary of the General Board of Evangelism, and Dr. J. Manning Potts, Editor of *The Upper Room*, met here a lady who was born in Turkey but who lives in Ontario, Canada. She is a regular reader of *The Upper Room*.

Pictured above is Bishop Julio M. Sabanes, Bishop of the Santiago, Chile, Area; Dr. Rhoda Edmeston, of Scarritt College; and Bishop Jose M. Valencia, of the Manila, Philippines, Area. Both of these bishops spoke at recent chapel services held in The Upper Room Chapel. Dr. Edmeston was the interpreter for Bishop Sabanes.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt sounds an ecumenical note in the meeting's concluding message, entitled, "World Methodism and Evangelism."

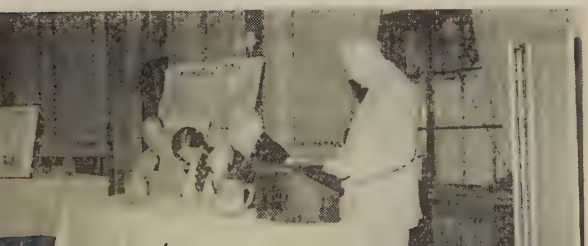


Dr. Harry Denman, Executive Secretary, presents Dr. Berlyn V. Farris, newly-elected Secretary of the Joint Department of Evangelism, the National Council of Churches.



Above, Dr. Denman presents the two representatives of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service, the United Church of Canada. *Left,* Rev. W. C. Berry, Associate Secretary, who addressed the Conference. *Right,* Rev. Arthur Organ, President, Board of Evangelism and Social Service.

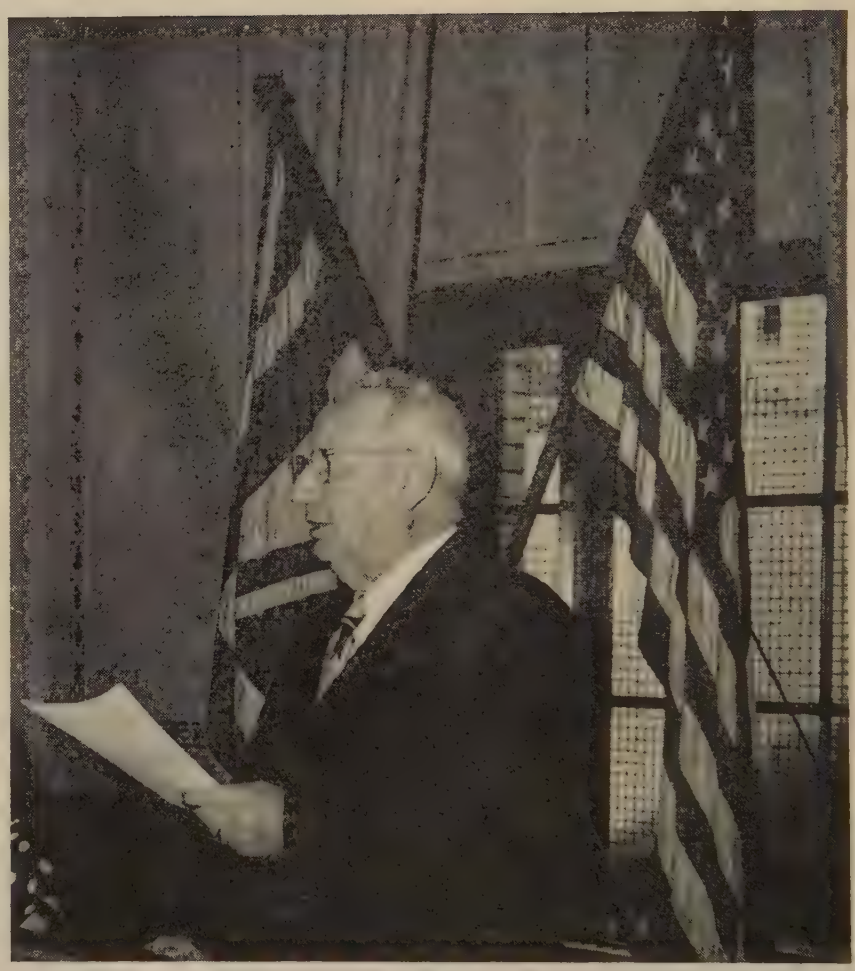
Below, Dr. Guy O. Carpenter, Lafayette, Indiana, makes the report for the Tidings Department of Evangelistic Materials. Each departmental committee made a similar report.



Annual Meeting

GENERAL BOARD

Niagara Fall
July 13-15



Above, Bishop W. Angie Smith delivers the annual message of the President of the General Board of Evangelism. Canadian and American flags are furled behind him.

Below, Dr. Arthur Organ talks with Dr. J. Manning Potts, Editor, *The Upper Room.* World map indicates various foreign editions of *The Upper Room.*

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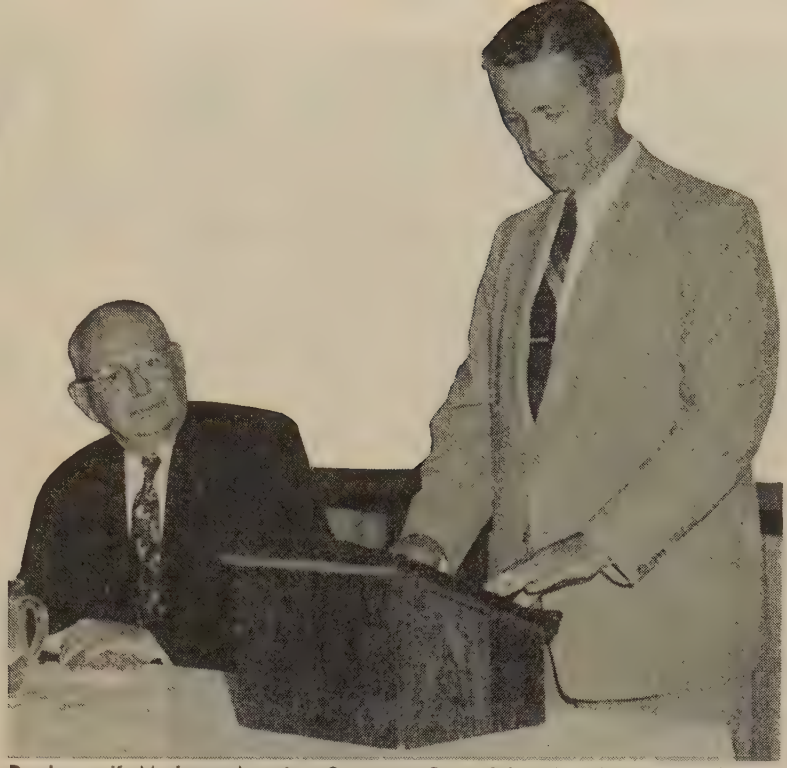
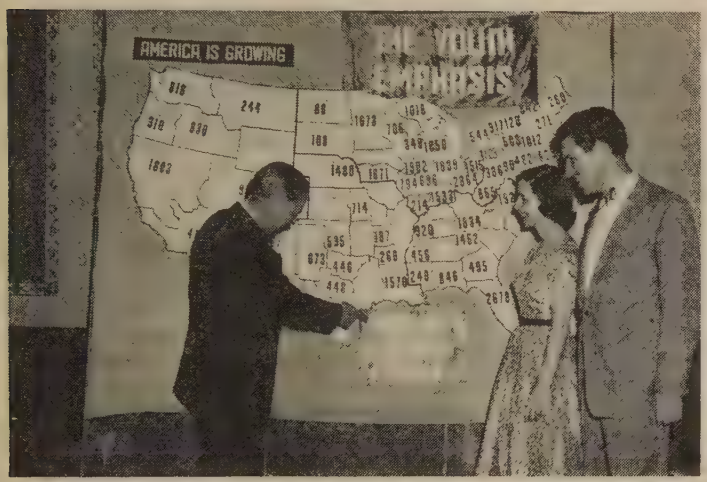
At opening session, Dr. Harry Denman reads his report of the general activities of the Board of Evangelism for the past year.



Dr. James K. Mathews, Associate Secretary, General Board of Missions, addresses the Board of Evangelism. During the year the two Boards cooperated in evangelistic missions in Norway, Sweden, Scandanavia, Hawaii, Cuba, Mexico, Alaska, and South America.

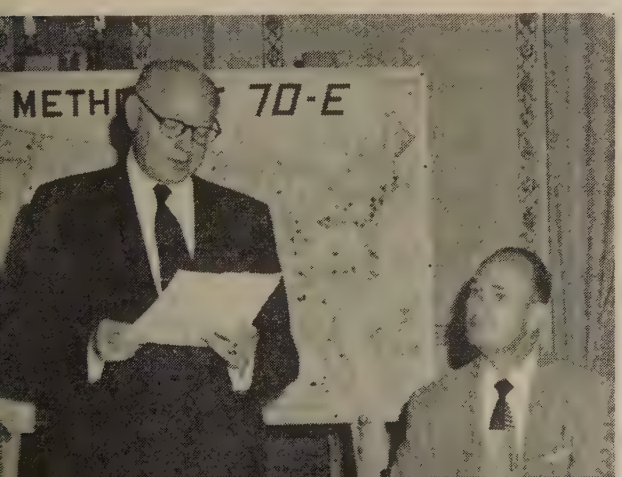


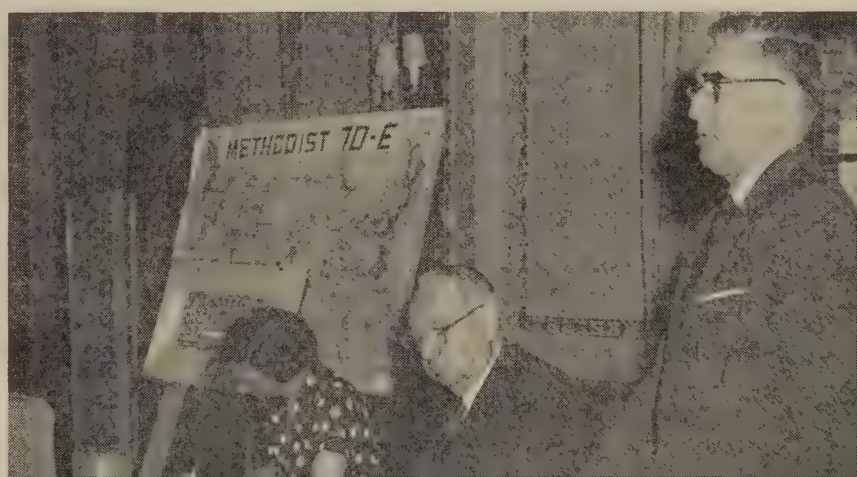
Above, Bishop John W. Branscomb, Chairman, Youth Committee, points to the 1954 gain in youth membership in The Methodist Church in church schools.

Above, the Annual Meeting adjourned with a fellowship luncheon held on the 10th floor of the Sheraton-Brock hotel overlooking Niagara Falls. Picture shows speakers' table.

Below, Dr. T. Otto Nall, Editor, *The Christian Advocate*, reports concerning the Nation-wide Church Attendance Crusade, January to Easter, 1954, requested by the Council of Bishops. Ray W. Ragsdale, secretary of the meeting, is seated at right.

Below, as special guest, a pastor was invited from each Jurisdiction. Here Dr. Paul V. Galloway, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Chairman of these invited guests, addresses the meeting.





H. Armstrong Roberts

Daily Devotions

Where There Are

Teen-Agers

"I'm desperate," says one mother. "Just how can you have daily devotions with a teen-ager? It's impossible to have any set time. He just comes and goes all the time. If it isn't the school or church, it is the gang. I'm at my wit's end."

This mother is not alone in raising this question. Though the problem is baffling and, at times, frustrating, yet the importance of helping a child through the teen years is absolutely vital. The great danger during these perplexing years is to feel so overwhelmed by the problem that the parents simply call it quits and only hope that the years will pass quickly. This is the most deadly of all temptations.

A Strange, New World

These are the years when the child comes into a strange, new world. The old moorings of his child world are slipping away and an adult world—where courage, strength, faith are needed—is coming into view. Whatever heritage of hope and courage and faith the parents can share with the child is all important in his development if the child is to take his place meaningfully in the world.

These are the years when the child is going away from his home. He feels and acts like a stranger amidst his family group. There can be no time of real sharing unless the parents seek to understand the teen-ager.

Some questions can never be finally answered. What makes the child so moody? rebellious? hard to understand? What accounts for the moments when he seems to hide within himself? Why does the gulf separating him from home seem to grow wider, no matter how hard the parents try to help him feel that he belongs? What about the endless arguments? his sudden withdrawals? his sensitiveness?

One moment he acts so grown-up, aflame with high ideals and eager to discuss serious problems. The next moment he is tearing down the side streets in an old jalopy, acting the fool.

There is no time when the family altar is more desperately needed. This is for the parents as well as the child. The parents need the family altar to keep from becoming defensive and blaming themselves for this bundle of contradiction. As some parents tend to become defensive, so others tend to lash out at the teen-ager and try to push him in the direction and speed they want the child to go. A daily, honest searching of one's own heart and purposes is absolutely necessary.

The family altar is needed not only for the parents, but also for the child. The teen-ager won't follow a set program. The parents, no doubt, will have to gear into his program. It will take special time and effort. Blessed is the family that has already established The Upper Room period of family devotions.

Authority Not Enough

Taking time to read together The Upper Room meditation for the day can be the beginning of many moments of sharing. These are the years when parental authority alone won't suffice. Nor is it sufficient simply to rely upon custom, or upon the authority of the Church, or upon the book. The teen-ager wants to know the reasons behind the authority. That is why The Upper Room should be merely the beginning of the period of sharing.

Just as a coach communicates confidence or uncertainty to his players, so parents communicate their real feelings to the youngster. The teen-ager can well detect sham and pious frauds. It doesn't do any good to pretend. You may fool yourself, but you do not fool the teen-ager.

Christian parents seek to understand their children by first seeking to understand themselves and by dedicating themselves to the task of helping the child. The reward for paying the price of meaningful daily devotions during this period may well be the saving of the whole family unit.

The City Church

CHURCH Upon the City Street

WITH dreams of life more full and right,
Throngs bring their gifts so free
To cities bright with beck'ning light,
To make their destiny!
O Church upon the City Street,
May Thou these children find,
And seek t' uplift their every gift
Of heart and hand and mind!

These strangers see great buildings lined
Like mountains 'gainst the sky;
They see the mass of human kind
In endless stream go by.
O Church upon the City Street,
Speak forth nor count the cost,
That every man may know God's plan,
And not one soul be lost!

In shadows of the city's mart
Are others born, to be
From all life's grandeur set apart
By race or poverty.
O Church upon the City Street,
Show these Thy Saviour's Face,
Till human spoil of strife and toil
Is made whole by His Grace!

Where thousands dwell of countless kinds,
Each striving for his good:
Could Christian love transform their minds—
Ah, what a Brotherhood!
O Church upon the City Street,
Serve that the world may see
A Pattern clear—God's Kingdom here!
And for Eternity!

—Mrs. H. T. Tipps
Clarksville, Tennessee

A City Pastor SPEAKS

THIS IS A STATEMENT of my convictions and visions concerning urban slum work. By and large, religious interest has expressed itself in two ways. One has been through the highly emotionalized fundamentalist sects. The other extreme is the institutional church that functions primarily as a social agency and is, in reality, religious in name only. But I would not deny the good that comes from this type of service.

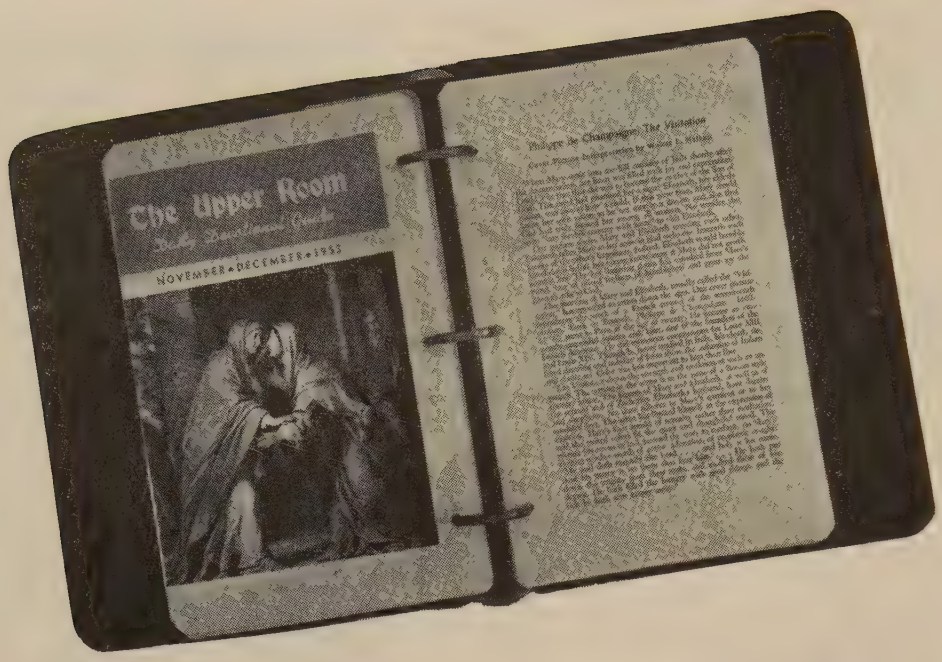
However, it is my conviction that the work of the Church is to confront all men, regardless of their class or station in life, with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Anything less than this is unworthy of the Church of Christ. To accept anything less than this is to suppose that something other than Christ is the measure of man's basic need.

It is my conviction that no man can sink so low, or become so desperate, or turn so cold, that the gospel of Christ cannot reach him and, by God's grace, change his life. I remember the line from the Psalm, "If I make my bed in Hell, behold, thou art there." It is my desire to be a witness of God's love in Christ in the hell of our cities' slums.

It is my conviction that the uniqueness of the urban slum situation demands that we use the best we can acquire from psychology and sociology to interpret the message of Christ in language that meets the crisis of men's lives in these particular situations. Along with this must go the usual program and group work found in this area of church work. It is my conviction that no magic touchstone will give us the answer to this extremely difficult and complex problem.

But it is also my conviction that there must be an answer if The Methodist Church is to minister vitally and effectively in the lives of the thousands in our city slums.

It is my *vision* that in God's will, and by His grace and mercy, I shall serve the Church in such a way as to seek that answer.—*Thurston Taylor, Kansas City, Missouri*



Building a File of Great Art Interpretations

Gentlemen:

As there is no book published in color with religious art and the interpretation of the artist, I am enclosing a sample of how I am building that book. It is to take the cover from THE UPPER ROOM each month as it is issued. Then, I put the cover on one side of the card and the interpretation on the back side of the card, filing them in a card file under the name of the artist.

This way I have the picture to pass around the class on Sunday and hope in the near future to have an opaque projector to project the picture on the screen in the classroom.

Thought you would like to know the new use I am making of THE UPPER ROOM in my Sunday school work.

Sincerely yours,
J. H. Clemer

Roanoke, Virginia

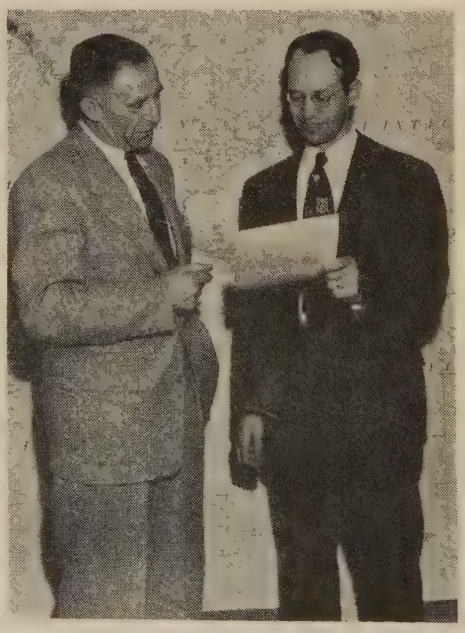
Even if you do not have extra room in your files, Mr. Clemer's suggestion is a good one and can be used in building up a scrapbook of great art works and their interpretations as illustrated above.

Such a scrapbook would find many uses in the pastor's study and in the church school. It would lend itself to a rich source for illustrative material for sermons and devotional talks, in addition to its value in helping to create higher standards in the appreciation of art. It would be especially useful in Daily Vacation Bible School work.

Dr. Walter L. Nathan, who succeeded the late Albert Edward Bailey, writes the interpretations for *The Upper Room* covers. In the selection of the picture for the cover, there are two questions always in the center of the thinking of *The Upper Room* editorial staff. Is this particular picture truly great art? Does it have a distinctively Christian message for our time?

Dr. Walter L. Nathan is well qualified to write the interpretations for the pictures chosen. Born in Germany, he received his Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Bonn. After teaching at the German "Gymnasien" 1928-1933, he was forced to leave because of the Hitler regime. He has now become an American citizen and has been Professor of Art at Blue Ridge College, New Windsor, Maryland, and instructor in art history at Johns Hopkins University and Boston University. Since 1946, he has been Instructor in History of Art and Psychology at Bradford Junior College, Bradford, Mass.

Dr. Walter Nathan has been serving as a lay-preacher in his community and at the present time is interim pastor at West Congregational Church, Haverill, Mass. He is a member of the People's Methodist Church, Bradford, Mass.



Dr. Walter L. Nathan is shown discussing a possible picture for *The Upper Room* cover with Russell Q. Chilcote, editorial associate of *The Upper Room*.

Christmas in the Church-School Literature

How will Christmas be observed in our homes, churches, and communities this year? If more than six and one-half million copies of church-school literature accomplish their purpose, Christmas this year will be a holy festival, not a season of secular hilarity.

"We must keep this festival Christ-centered," says Dr. C. A. Bowen, in the December number of *Child Guidance in Christian Living,* publication for teachers of children. "Today Christmas needs to be transfigured into its original visage and spirit," the article continues. "Our children need to discover its definitely Christian character. . . . As we put Christ into Christmas we set forth the full gospel—the love of God, the divine presence within us, and the salvation that the world so sorely needs."

Focus on Christmas

This year much of the December church-school curriculum for children, youth, and adults will be focused upon Christmas. In the curriculum for children the following units will be developed in the group graded curriculum: for kindergarten children, "Christmas Time"; for primaries, "Christmas—Because Jesus Came"; for juniors, "Christmas Around the World."

The church-school publications for youth will also carry units on Christmas this year. The curriculum for intermediates developed in *Lessons for Intermediates* for December 12, 19, and 26 bears the titles, "We Find God in Christ," "A Dream Come True," and "Christmas All the Year." *Our Intermediate Fellowship* develops the subject of Christmas music.

In the intermediate closely graded lessons we find "The Story in the Bible"; "Then Came Jesus"; "Adventures in Religious Discovery"; "The Coming of a Messiah"; "Using Your Bible"; and "The Good News of Christmas."

Emphasis for Seniors

The Christmas emphasis for seniors is found in *Studies in Christian Living* for December 19—"The Continuing Christmas," part of the unit "Jesus Christ, Savior and Lord."

In *Bible Lessons for Youth,* for use in smaller churches, a two-session unit, "The Christmas Message," will lead young people to a better understanding of the specifically Christian nature of the Christmas observance.

The church-school publications for adults will also carry the Christmas emphasis in curriculum this year. The International Lesson for December 19, "Praise at Christmas Time," will be developed in the following periodicals: *Adult Student,* December; *Bible Lessons for Adults,* October-December; and *Wesley Quarterly,* October-December.

In addition to these units of study the following features will appear in the church-school literature:

Articles

Child Guidance in Christian Living, December—"To Us a Child," by C. A. Bowen.

Wesley Quarterly and *Bible Lessons for Adults: Teacher's Quarterly,* October-December—"Christmas Is a Family Festival," by Charles M. Laymon.

Adult Teacher, December—"Wrapped in Swaddling Clothes," by Margaret T. Applegarth.

Adult Student, December—"Finding the Value of X in Christmas," by Henry Hitt Crane.

The Christian Home, December—"Christmas for Christ," by Myrtle Koefoed Felkner; "Christmas Is More Than a Day," by Katherine Reeves; "Treasures of the Christmas Season," by Jean Louise Smith; "Moments to Store," by Webb Dycus; "Christmas Without Santa Claus," by Mina P. Dudgeon; "Christmas: for Kids or Cocktails?" by Roger Burgess; "We Adopted a Grandma," by Genevieve Townsend; "Christmas With Buddha," by Carol Hart Sayre; "The Christmas Season in Holland," by Frances Elam Neidhardt; "Christmas Gifts to the Family From the Family," by Lucille E. Hein; "The Manger of Methodism," by Thelma Ann Reynolds; "A Very Important Three-Cent Stamp," by Audrey and Tim Harden.

The Church School, November—"A Christian Christmas in the Church School," by Ann Summers Murphy; December—"Planning Our Christmas Observance," by Virginia Krepela and Aline Hardwick; "December in the Small Church School," by Luke G. Beauchamp; "Your Commission on Education," by Lilla Mills; "The Poetry of Prayer," by Harold Ehrensperger.

Roundtable, November—"Celebrating Christmas Through Drama," by Argyle Knight.

Plays, Pageants

Child Guidance in Christian Living, December—"Christmas, the Incomparable Gift," by Lillian Mylius Keyser.

Workers With Youth, December—"Light in the Darkness," by Donald W. Pimm.

The Church School, October—"Life Is a Feast," by Ormal B. Trick.

Sourcebook, October-December—"The Carolers," by Pearl Neilson.

Stories

For Children

Pictures and Stories, December—"Peter's Christmas Eve," by Mrs. Leon M. Akins, Jr.

Trails for Juniors, December—"Christmas in the Heart," by Deane Southworth Smith; "A Putz for Patricia," by Seth Harmon; "The Christmas Tree," by Virginia Frances Voight.

For Youth

Twelve/Fifteen, December—"I Saw a Star," by Beulah Johns.

Classmate, December—"The Christmas Prayer," by Zelda M. Walters; "Christmas at Wittenberg," by Gladys H. Barr.

For Adults

Adult Student, December—"Aunt Libby's Christmas," by A. M. Hopkins.

faith in our pupils, faith in God. We can do nothing in Christian work without the element of faith. Second, we must have cooperation in our work. Cooperation will help the church and its workers to see that educational evangelism is a real part of the general religious education program of the church. If we have cooperation, the work of evangelism will be carried on in every phase of the life of the church. Third, we must be much in prayer in our educational work, for there will be no real evangelism if the spirit of prayer does not possess us all.

The possibilities and results of educational evangelism are largely in the hands of our Sunday school teachers, for they have the task and the opportunity of guiding children in the way of the Lord. It is their opportunity to win multitudes to Christ.

Let us remember that the possibilities and fruitage of educational evangelism are *not* merely temporary. They reach far into the future. Someone has given us a picture of life building, that can be done by Sunday school workers through a program of educational evangelism, in a beautiful poem entitled "Builders":

A builder builded a temple;
He wrought with care and skill;
Pillars, and groins, and arches
Were fashioned to meet his will;
And men said when they saw its beauty,
"It shall never know decay.
Great is thy skill, O builder,
Thy name shall endure for aye!"

A teacher builded a temple;
He wrought with skill and care;
Forming each pillar with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None saw the unceasing effort;
None knew of the marvelous plan;
For the temple which the teacher builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple;
Crumbled into the dust;
Pillar, and groin, and arches,
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the teacher builded
Shall endure while the ages roll;
For that beautiful, unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.

—*Author unknown*

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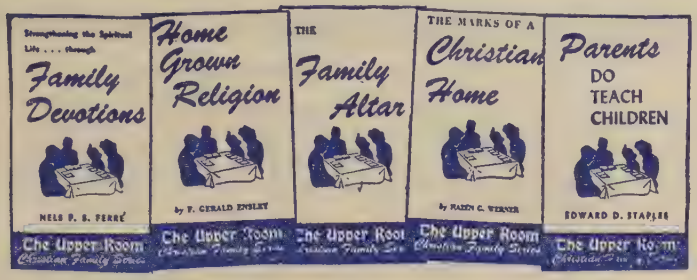

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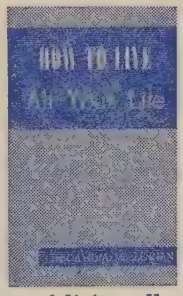

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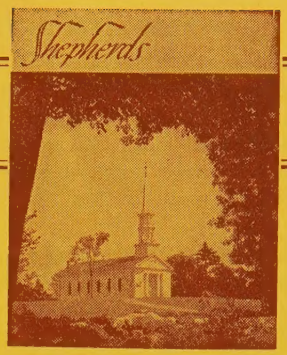

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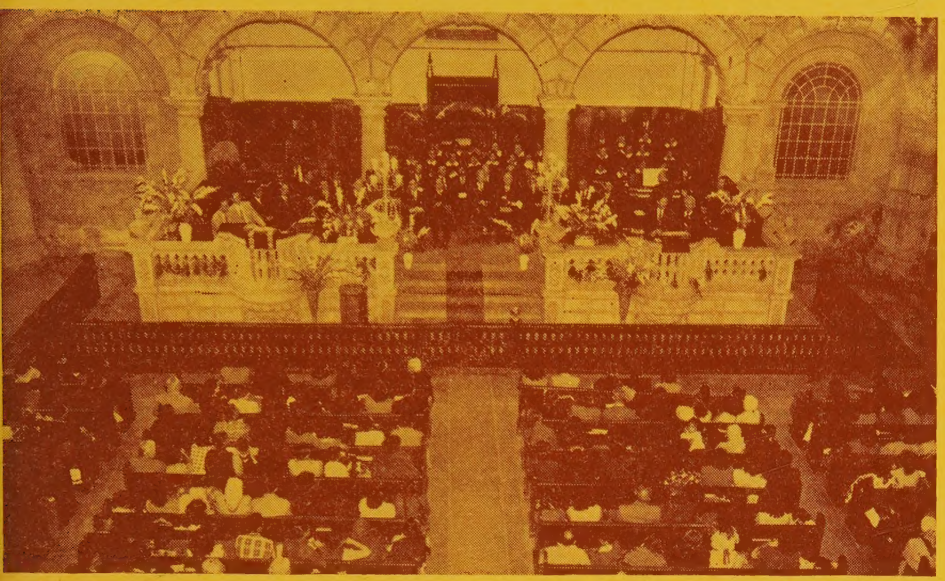
MISSION TO MEXICO WINS OVER 500



Victory Rally concluding evangelistic mission to Mexico, Sunday night, August 1, at Gante Methodist Church, Mexico City. The Rev. Leslie J. Ross, of the General Board of Evangelism, is shown here speaking to the rally. Bishop Eleazar Guerra is the interpreter.

Over 500 new converts were won to Christ as 28 Methodist pastors from the United States conducted the first "Mission to Mexico," July 23 to August 1. These men worked in 24 churches of the Central and Frontier Conferences of The Methodist Church of Mexico, under the direction of Bishop Eleazar Guerra. The mission was the climax of a year long observance of the 250th Anniversary of the birth of John Wesley.

Pastors Are Guests at Board Meeting

Invited to the meeting of the General Board of Evangelism as special guest was a pastor from each Jurisdiction. Dr. Paul V. Galloway, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, chairman of these invited guests, represented the South Central Jurisdiction. Dr. Galloway participated in the mission to Norway and Sweden in February and March. Other invited guests were Walter C. Eyster of the North Central Jurisdiction, Mrs. M. K. Henrichsen of the Northeastern Jurisdiction, Noah W. Moore, Jr., of the Central Jurisdiction, Charles L. Allen of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and E. W. Palmer of the Western Jurisdiction.

Evangelism Commission Sets Year's Goals

The Commission on Membership and Evangelism, First Methodist Church, Columbus, Mississippi, has set these goals for the year: "The reactivating of old members and adding new ones, the formation of prayer circles, revision of membership rolls, publishing of a local church directory, and the increase of attendance at church services."

To this end the following committees have been appointed: Prospects, Visitation, Membership, Spiritual Life, and Church Attendance.

Officers of the Commission are: M. K. McLemore, chairman; Mrs. A. H. Stuckenschneider, vice chairman; and Miss Mary Stokes, secretary.

Spiritual Life Fellowship Plan

A *significant new Spiritual Life plan,* based on the successful experience of hundreds of churches, has been developed by the General Board of Evangelism. Under this plan, churches divide their members into "groups" or "zones" and appoint "group leaders" or "zone leaders" for continually contacting them in the interest of the church.

Developed along Spiritual Life lines, the plan—fully and rightly used—should revitalize the spiritual life of any church. By it members, constituents, prospects may be

- contacted personally and cared for by the church
- informed and encouraged concerning the church and the Christian life
- won to a more complete commitment to Christ
- led to a deeper Christian experience
- directed to a more devoted participation in church attendance, family devotions, Bible reading, and other "Holy Habits" of the Spiritual Life

All essential materials are available in the "Complete Fellowship Plan Packet" which contains a "Chairman's Folder" and a "Fellowship Leader's Kit" for every 20 resident members. For about 2c per member this "Complete Fellowship Plan Packet" contains enough materials for a year. If the Spiritual Life Covenant cards are used also, the total price will be about 3c per member. (See TIDINGS Order Blank.)

The Fellowship Plan Packet is now available from TIDINGS. For the Packet, or for additional information concerning the Plan, write TIDINGS, Headquarters for Evangelistic Materials, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

46-Year Tradition

Waukesha (Wisconsin) Church continued a 46-year tradition on June 27 when Bishop H. Clifford Northcott commissioned John Richard Lockman as a missionary. Three members of this church are now serving in the mission field.

John Richard Lockman worked as an I-3 in Pakistan until 1952 when he returned to study irrigation and soil methods at Colorado A. & M. He earned his masters degree, adding to the engineering degree he also holds.

Mrs. Lockman, the former Dorothy Peterson, of Elgin, Illinois, was working with the United Lutheran Church in Pakistan when she met Mr. Lockman. She holds a masters degree in religious education and will work under the Methodist Board of Missions when the couple returns to Pakistan in the fall.

Mr. Lockman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lockman, are members of the Waukesha church. William Blake and I. Dean Jordan are the pastors.

Memorial Chapel Dedicated

The Memorial Chapel and Room of Remembrance at Lake Junaluska, N. C., was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, July 4, with Chaplain William N. Thomas, dean of the chapel, presiding.

The Act of Dedication was led by Bishop Costen J. Harrell. Others participating in the dedicatory rites were: Edwin L. Jones, president of the Board of Trustees of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, Charlotte; Bishop William C. Martin; Chaplain Charles I. Carpenter, chief of chaplains of the U. S. Air Force; Dr. George E. Clary, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council; Dr. Elmer T. Clark, secretary of the World Methodist Council; Bishop Charles C. Selecman, retired.

Music was provided by the Kessler Air Force Base Chorus.

New Fishermen's Pin Designed for Churches

An attractive, 10-karat gold pin, formed in the shape of a cross with a superimposed fishhook, has been designed for churches to award to Fishermen's Club members who have won at least one person to Christ. The pin has a screwback.

Sold by the Men's Club of Grace Methodist Church, 601 N. Fourth Street, Pekin, Illinois, the pin costs $2.50 postpaid. All orders must be sent directly to Grace Church Men's Club, announces Clarence C. Nordling, pastor.

Illinois Conference Features Street Preaching

Dr. Harry Denman, Executive Secretary, General Board of Evangelism, shares the street preaching program of the Illinois Conference at Bloomington.

One of the features of the 1954 Illinois Annual Conference session held in Bloomington, Illinois, June 8-13, was a street meeting conducted by the Conference Board of Evangelism, reports Richard M. Newhall, pastor, Bethel Methodist Church, Moline, Illinois. Suggestion for the program came at the spring meeting of the Board, and Dr. Newhall was named head of the committee to make the plans. Permission was secured from the local police department and the sheriff, and the meeting was held on the courthouse square on Thursday evening.

The meeting was held immediately after the supper hour, and a large number of the members of the Conference participated in the group singing. One man wrote later that he was driving through and parked his car so that he could come over and participate.

A public address system attracted many people along the main street of the business district. Song leader was Dr. Sidney Guthrie. The gospel singing, testimonies, and prayers were a real inspiration to the people.

Preacher for the occasion was Dr. Harry Denman, Executive Secretary of the General Board of Evangelism. The meeting had been planned to coincide with Layman's Day and laymen from all over central Illinois were on hand.

This was the first street meeting held for many years during the session of the Illinois Conference. The response was so enthusiastic that plans are being made to continue this type of meeting as a regular feature of the Conference.

National Day of Prayer

President Eisenhower has proclaimed Wednesday, September 22, as a National Day of Prayer.

Congress in 1952 provided that the President set aside at least one day each year, other than Sunday, on which the people would be asked to reaffirm their reliance on divine support.

We urge all churches to stress the National Day of Prayer.

Reports Outstanding Gains

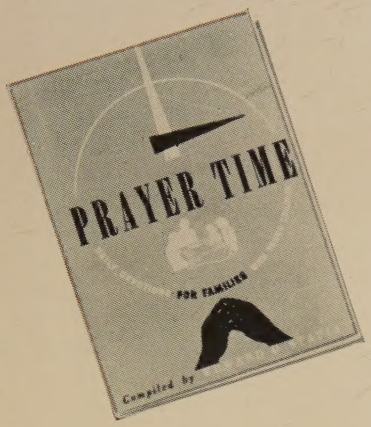
The First Methodist Church, Glendale, California, Everett W. Palmer, pastor, received 335 new members during the year, nearly 200 of whom came by profession of faith.

"First's 1,000 in Five"

A very unusual morning worship service was conducted on May 2 in the First United Presbyterian Church of New Castle, Pennsylvania. The order of worship was included in a tastefully printed brochure with the title "First's 1,000 in Five." The sermon of the morning by the pastor, the Rev. Robert H. Mayo, was on the theme "The Second 1,000."

An interesting story lies back of this worship hour and its special theme. During the five years 1949-1954 the First Church received into its membership a total of 1,000 new members. In fact, the actual number stands at 1,045. Of these, 475 adults came by profession or reprofession of faith in Christ. One hundred and forty-five children from communicants' classes came by profession.

For Families with Young Children



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